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## B.E.F. LANDING AT SEVERAL POINTS ON NORWEGIAN COAST

### NORWAY AS BASE FOR AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 15 (UP).—Authorized Nazi quarters unequivocally declared to-day that Germany will henceforth use the Norwegian coast as a base for aerial and U-Boat attacks on the British Isles.

The continued British naval and air attacks on Narvik, Bergen and Stavanger "have released Germany finally from the guarantee, given to the Norwegian and Danish governments at the time of the invasion, not to use their countries as bases for an offensive", it is declared.

### ROOSEVELT WARNING

#### European Peace Must Be Lasting

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"The co-operative peace of the Western hemisphere was not created by wishing and it will require more than words to maintain it," declared President Roosevelt when addressing the Pan-American Union here to-day.

"We have only asked the world to go with us in the path of peace," he continued. "But we shall be able to keep that way only if we are prepared to meet force with force, if the challenge is ever given."

Earlier in his speech, President Roosevelt said that what had happened in the Old World directly and powerfully affected the peace and well-being of the New World. It was for this reason that they had adopted this procedure enabling them to meet any eventuality.

"At Lima," he said, "we agreed to stand together to defend and maintain the absolute integrity of every American nation from any attack, direct or indirect, from beyond the seas."

"At Panama we worked out ways and means for keeping the war away from this hemisphere. I pray God we shall not have to do more than that. But should it be necessary, I am convinced that we should be wholly successful."

"The inner strength of a group of free people is irresistible when they are prepared to act."

#### The Value Of Love

"I affirm that life must be based on positive values. The value of love will always be stronger than the value of hate since any nation or group of nations which employs hatred eventually is torn to pieces by hatred within itself."

"The value of belief in humanity is always stronger than the value of belief in force because force at last turns inward and if that occurs each man or group of men is finally compelled to measure his strength against his own brother."

At the commencement of his speech, President Roosevelt said that peace between the American nations remained secure owing to the instruments they had created, embodying in a great measure the principles on which enduring peace must be based throughout the world.

Peace reigned in the Western hemisphere, he said, because each nation had agreed to respect the integrity of the independence of the others, because they have had agreed as neighbours should, to mind their own business and renounced the right to interfere with each others domestic affairs, because they had agreed to settle any dispute by friendly negotiation rather than by force.

Peace reigned also because they had recognized the principle that only through mutually beneficial international and economic relations could each have adequate access to materials and opportunities which were

### Presents Credentials

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Gray, the new United States Minister to Elre, presented his credentials to Mr. Eamon de Valera to-day.



PANORAMA OF BERGEN and harbour. In the distant background, at left point, is Kvarven, the main fortification at the entrance to the harbour, which the Germans are now believed to be manning. The present fate of the city itself is unknown.

### BRITISH ENTRY INTO NARVIK

(Official Confirmation By B.B.C.)

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The news of the British capture of Narvik and the surrounding country was broadcast to the Norwegian people by the B.B.C. in a message in the Norwegian news bulletin this evening.

### NAZIS LOSE 100 SHIPS

#### Merchant Fleet Swept From The Seas

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Shipping circles estimate that Germany, most of whose merchant fleet has been immobilised in home and neutral ports since the beginning of the war, has now lost more than half the tonnage of which Great Britain, with ships always at sea, was deprived of by the German sea warfare.

Norwegian losses amount to 172 vessels with a total tonnage of just over 667,000.

#### Over 90 Known Sunk

Before the Norwegian venture, Germany had lost 64 vessels aggregating 199,051 tons. To-day a conservative estimate puts her losses at 92 vessels, representing 370,000 tons, to which can probably be added eight other German ships torpedoed in convoy with unknown results.

#### Cargo Boats Mined

GOETTERBURG, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Two German cargo boats are stated to have struck mines to-day off Marstrand. Both boats are badly damaged.

It is said that at least two German seaplanes were sunk during to-day's air raid by the British on Stavanger which was made in a snow-storm. Heavy bombs were dropped on the aerodrome.

### Sir N. Henderson Lifts The Veil

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Neville Henderson's account of the two years as British Ambassador in Berlin was published yesterday in book form and is entitled "The Failure of a Mission."

In it, Sir Neville (who left Berlin on September 3, 1939), describes how the peace of Europe depended on an understanding between Britain and Germany. He recalls his constant attempts to win the confidence and sympathy of the Nazis and his conclusion that Hitler never intended the ultimate end to be anything other than war.

### ITALIAN "EXERCISES"

#### Manoeuvres As Warning To Allies?

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Reports are current here that the first and second Italian naval squadrons started their Spring exercises to-day. Official quarters stated to-night that no information was available about the movements of the ships.

Actually both squadrons have been on partial manoeuvres since the middle of March.

It is apparent that the extent of the present manoeuvres is a cruise to Durazzo by the first squadron and a cruise from Spezia to Gaeta and round Sicily by the second squadron.

In diplomatic circles it is felt that the movements should be regarded as a measure to assist Germany by warning the Allies that the Mediterranean cannot be depleted of units to reinforce those in the North Sea.

### GAYDA HITS OUT AGAIN

#### New Tirade Against French Policy

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda's article to-night accuses France of pursuing an anti-Italian policy since the Treaty of Versailles.

He adds that France, which is poorer in manpower than Italy, possessed liberty of action in both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, whereas the centre of Italian life is the Mediterranean.

France's policy and positions in the Mediterranean protect not only national but imperial interests. Italy recognises these interests, but cannot agree to their constituting a system of hegemony which superimposes itself upon the elementary needs of the life of other nations.

#### Press Attitude

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian press is adopting an equivocal attitude towards the war in the North. Most of the papers are showing considerable ingenuity in trying to present a picture favourable to Germany and unfavourable to the Allies.

At the same time there is a reminder that a great German victory is not yet decisive.

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It was learned here to-night that it is not yet certain whether Mr. Chamberlain will make a statement to the House of Commons to-morrow.

### HITLER KNEW OF BIG CONVOY, WAS IMPOTENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS LANDED AT SEVERAL POINTS IN NORWAY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The number of troops and the locations at which they have effected landings are not specified in the official communiques.

It is believed, however, that landings were made at Trondheim, Bergen, Namsos and Narvik.

Mr. Chamberlain will make a full statement on the operations when he addresses the House of Commons to-morrow.

It is understood that the German High Command knew on Sunday that heavy British forces were on the High Seas. However, the German Navy was impotent to act against the heavily guarded British troop convoys.

It is certain that the British troops have safely disembarked at all points, as no official announcement of the landings would have been issued beforehand.

### TEN-WORD COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—So far the only news about the British landing in Norway has been contained in ten words of a joint Admiralty and War Office communique.

The communique reads: "British troops have now landed at several points in Norway."

This, however, is sufficient to show that in addition to their brilliant feats at Narvik the Allied operations have been far more widespread.

Besides Narvik, the towns seized by the Germans included Bergen, Stavanger, and Trondheim, on the west coast and Oslo.

The British troops may or may not have been landed at the same points. The communique is the first definite news that we are redeeming our pledge to help Norway with all our resources.

#### Britain's Pledge

That pledge, which was given by His Majesty the King and the Prime Minister, was given a fresh point in a message broadcast by the B.B.C. on Sunday night by British and Norwegian trade union leaders.

"The British soldiers are coming to assist the gallant Norwegian people," the message read. "Help them by every means in your power. If you know where the Germans are tell the British. If they require food, give it to them. If a soldier wants a lift, take him to his destination. Pass on the word to as many people as possible."

#### Allied Task Easier

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—While everyone is anxiously waiting for more news about the British troops in Norway, semi-official circles here point out that the landing of an army far from home in such wild country which the enemy are already holding are the chief points in a very hazardous enterprise.

Without his command of the seas, Hitler may well find it to be a suicidal enterprise. In that respect the Allied task is easier. Against that, however, the British troops will probably find stronger opposition from the Germans than the latter did, for the Norwegians, in addition to being taken by surprise, also found internal foes.

Furthermore, the British troops are liable to attacks from the air, a danger which comes not only from Germany but also from the German air base in Norway itself.

Here the Royal Air Force is once more proving its value as shown in the attacks on Stavanger aerodrome.

#### German Claim

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A claim that no Briton has touched Norwegian soil "at points occupied by German troops" is made in a German news agency report from Oslo.

### SWEDEN IMPRESSED

#### Swiftiness Of Allied Operation

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—News of the landing of British troops in Norway has caused a sensation in Sweden. The speed of the operation, considering the natural difficulties of the coastline, has made a deep impression.

Everyone is asking how the British have been able to establish bases on the coast—and where.

Narvik is thought to be too far north. It is believed that the troops must have landed much farther south in order to provide urgently required assistance.

Gravest concern is felt here with regard to the situation in Norway and hopes are expressed that the British have been able to land in time effectively to hold up the invasion.

### LATEST

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German news agency report from Oslo. The agency also claims that it has learned from Narvik that Narvik is still in German hands.



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The inclusive air mail postage rates for the "Air France" and "Pan American Airways" services, and the postage rates for surface transport are unchanged. A blue air mail label must be affixed to all air mail correspondence.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 9 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m.

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Saloon	Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
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Straits and Negapatam (Letters and papers)—London date, 17th Feb.	Apr. 18, 5 p.m.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Apr. 16

Parcels only for Tientsin 5.00 p.m.  
Shanghai 12.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th April.

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Reg. .... Apr. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 16, 5.30 p.m.

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Reg. .... Apr. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 16, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd April.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 16, 5.30 p.m.

**G.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 16, 7 p.m.

Parcels only for Tientsin 12.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 25th April.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 17, 5.30 p.m.

**G.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 17, 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 24th April.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 17, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 17, 5.30 p.m.

**G.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Apr. 17, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 17, 7.30 a.m.

Sundakan 11.30 a.m.  
Swatow 1.00 p.m.  
Amoy 7 p.m.

## Compulsory Service

Forty-Seven Residents  
Before Tribunal

A further meeting of the Compulsory Service Tribunal was held in the Legislative Council Chamber yesterday, 47 residents appearing. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell presided, supported by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Major R. E. Moody, Commander W. P. McCarthy and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson as members.

Mr. B. Agafuroff, a naturalised British subject, said he joined the Police Reserves about three months ago. He was placed in the Essential Services Group.

Mr. I. Agafuroff said he had joined the A.R.P. and Mr. T. L. Bell said he had made an application to join the Naval Volunteers. They were enrolled in the Combatant Group.

Mr. F. H. Bowrey said he would be 54 on Tuesday, and was at present in the Censor's office. He was enrolled in the Key-post Group.

Mr. A. I. Burnie was posted to the Essential Services Group.

Mr. B. Byrne, a student of the Hongkong University, said he hoped to go back to England in August to enrol at Cambridge University. He was exempted for five months.

Mr. G. T. Byrne said he would be 55 in June. He was exempted because of age limit.

Messrs. E. Cox-Walker, D. L. Dawson, D. C. Edmondston, J. Fleming, C. E. Gunning and A. H. Harris have all been posted to the Key-post Group.

Mr. E. C. M. Hope was enrolled in the Combatant Group.

Mr. S. Hope, engineer at Talkoo Dockyards, produced a letter from his firm, and was assigned to the Key-post Group.

### Already Rejected

Mr. J. H. W. Howie, who was 54, said he had been rejected already. He was exempted.

Mr. R. M. Keown, Talkoo Docks, was assigned to the Key-post Group.

Mr. N. M. Krasnopereff, a trainer in the Hongkong Jockey Club stables, and Mr. E. D. Labrousse, of China Underwriters, were placed in the Essential Services Group.

Mr. S. L. Lloyd, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, said he was shortly to be transferred to India. He was placed in the Key-post Group.

Messrs. V. T. Low and D. R. Lyon were posted to the Essential Services Group.

Mr. J. R. Luke, South China Morning Post, produced a letter from his employers and was placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. A. McAlpine, engineer of the Hongkong Bank, Mr. A. McArthur, Talkoo Docks, and Mr. W. W. McCombe, of the Far Eastern Flying School, were all posted to the Key-post Group.

Mr. J. S. McKenzie, who was previously exempted owing to his work in the New Territories, said he was now under medical treatment, but wished to join the Naval Volunteers. The case was adjourned for two weeks to see if he could be enrolled.

Mr. McKenzie was told to approach Commander Petrie direct.

Messrs. R. Matheson and C. N. Matthews were assigned to the Combatant Group.

### Shanghai Resident

Mr. S. Moosa said he was returning to Shanghai in June. Mr. Moosa was a non-resident, his case did not come under the Tribunal's jurisdiction.

Mr. J. A. D. Morrison produced a letter from the Hongkong Bank, and was placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. G. Mortimer said he had been in the Colony for 1½ months but was forbidden to take part in any games because of his health. He was placed in the Essential Services Group.

Mr. C. M. Newman, Cable and Wireless, was placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. F. K. Partridge, Imperial Chemical Industries, said there was some doubt about his future movements, as he was really in charge of Canton. He was placed in the Combatant Group.

Messrs. A. R. H. Phillips and G. H. Pacey were placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. P. T. Raymond was placed in the Combatant Group.

Mr. W. J. Richards, who was in the R.A.F. from 1915-16, was placed in the Essential Services Group.

Messrs. J. Robertson and C. G. Seidman were placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. Seidman said he was running the Hongkong Dairy Supply Company and the firm of Gray Brothers, and was interested in butchery, milk and the export business. He was told by the Chairman to get in touch with the Food Controller.

### University Professor

Mr. L. R. Shore, Professor at the University, said he was an R.A.M.C. officer in the last war. He was enrolled in the Essential Services Group, and earmarked for medical services.

Mr. E. J. J. Spradbery, Hongkong Rope Company, was placed in the Key-post Group.

Mr. G. Unbehun, who was 55 last year, was exempted.

Mr. L. W. Watkins, of the ground staff of Imperial Airways, was asked to send in a letter from his employers.

Messrs. G. A. White and C. L. Williams were assigned to the Key-post Group.

Mr. A. Williamson said he was in the Army Reserve, and thought he was exempt. The case was adjourned for the records to be checked.

## One German Captive Was Due To Wed 'HULLO, MOTHER,' B.E.F. PRISONERS RADIO

THREE B.E.F. prisoners out of sixteen whom the Germans claim to have captured recently, were taken to a Nazi radio station and questioned in front of the microphone.

Though they spoke in English, and were invited to send messages to England, the broadcast was given only on the "home" stations—for German consumption.

One of the prisoners, Private John Gray, was due to come home and be married.

The first interview was with Corporal Harold Walford.

Announcer: Now, please give your name and address.

Voice, quietly: Harold Walford, 98, Clapham-road, Bedford, England.

Announcer: You may speak.

Voice (strongly): Hello, Bery. I send my love and kisses to you all. I am a prisoner in Germany, now.

### 'Best Of Health'

Announcer: Are you wounded?—No, I am in the best of health.

Announcer: You told us you were a good football player—Yes, that's right.

Announcer: Were you not one of the team that played against the team of the ship Schleswig Holstein?—Yes, that's right.

Announcer: Please give us the result of that game.—It was 3-1 in the Germans' favour.

The second man gave his name as Victor Hounsill, from near Bath.

Announcer: Now you may send your message.

Voice: I am a prisoner in Germany. I am in the best of health.

Announcer: You have a child. I think? What is her name?

Voice: Joyce.

### 'You May Speak'

Then came a third man. Announcer: Please give your name and address.

The English voice spoke with a stammer: John Gray, 115, Evenden-lane, Wokingham, Berks.

Announcer: Now you may speak to your mother and sister.

Voice: Hello, mother—I am all right. I am a prisoner in Germany. I am not wounded. I am in the best of health. Give my love to Edith, won't you?

The announcer commented in German that Gray, a red-haired man, had a growth of beard. He then asked in English: Why didn't you shave this morning?—I have no shaving kit.

Announcer: Where did you leave it?—I left it in the trenches.

Announcer: You didn't take it with you when you left?—No, it was too quick. I never had time.

The broadcast was made to a noisy background of shuffling feet, whispered asides and comments, and many words were missed by listeners.

### 'WE EXPECTED JOHN HOME'

WOKINGHAM (Perks).—Private John Gray's mother did not hear her son's broadcast. When she heard the news of his safety she cried a little, but quickly recovered.

John's sister, Mrs. Mabel Fuller, said they were expecting him home next week on his first leave.

His fiancée, Miss Edith Melham, wrote to her only this morning:

"Just a line to let you know John will be home March 12. He will come down for Mrs. Gray (his mother) on the 15th and we are being married on the 16th."

Edith works at Escher Place, Escher, Surrey.

John is twenty-five and had been in France six months.

### 'WE'LL WIN AND SEE HIM SOON'

BEDFORD.—"Anyway, we'll win the war soon and have him home with us again," said Mr. Ernest Walford when I told him that his son Harold was a prisoner and had broadcast from Germany.

"He has been out in France since the early days of the war. He came home for a few days' leave at Christmas, looking wonderfully well. He told me then 'Soldiering after all right, dad. They're looking after us fine in France, and we've got to beat the Jerry.'"

"At Christmas his fiancée, Miss Beryl Bishop, was in Bedford. They were very happy together. He was hoping to come home again soon on leave, and I believe he was thinking of getting married then. His mother is ill just now, but she is very proud of her two boys, both doing their bit for their country. Our other son, Samuel, is also in the Army."

### French Arrest 29

### Sacret Communists

The French police have arrested twenty-nine people accused of helping in the secret production of the banned Communist newspaper, L'Humanité.

The men arrested include Robert Blanche, former chief sub-editor of L'Humanité, and sixteen underground railway workers who are alleged to have distributed copies of the newspaper in the Metro (underground railway).

## JAPANESE SMOKE-SCREEN



DURING the recent Japanese landing in the Chungshan district near Macao, smoke-screens were employed to hide the movements of the invaders.—Domei.

## Fliers, Last In Forest, Lived Two Months



GIVE A DOG A BAD NAME.. —and you may get hurt

LAWRENCE (Mass.).—Mrs. Malcolm Severance, of Lawrence, received a threatening letter. It said: "Something that hurts is going to happen to you unless you change your dog's name."

The dog, an Alsatian, is called HITLER.

## RADIO

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12.30 The E. B. C. Theatre Orchestra. "Volante" Overture, Monckton Melodies, "H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection.

12.50 Songs by Hubert Elsdell (Tenor)—Roses of Picardy; Love's Garden of Roses; Come, Sing to Me, with Orchestral accompaniment.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Len Berman (Vocal) and The Organ. "The Dance Band and Me."

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Gounod's "Faust" Act IV.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 The Comedy Harmonists (Vocal) and Rawlins and Landauer (Two Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 New Symphony Orchestra with Milka Korjus (Soprano).

8.30 Musical Comedy Selections from "Home and Beauty," "Bow Bells," "Careless Rapture," "The Charn School," "To Beat the Band," "The Gold Diggers of 1931."

9.03 Vocal Duets by Nora Blaney and Gwen Farrar.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Music of Debussy and Ravel.

10.30 Excerpts from "Tannhauser," "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg," and "Otello."

11.00 Close Down.

## The Boy Who Was Born In Germany

Fercival Douglas Horn Lyons Bostart, a 20-year-old mechanic, of Grubbe-lane, Fulham, S.W., was born in Germany of a German father and a British mother.

But he has lived in England since he was three months old, speaks only broken German and cannot read or write it. His father and brother are now in Germany.

An alien's tribunal has exempted him from internment but not from the special restrictions.

He was remanded in custody at West London Police Court, accused of having maps of a scale larger than four miles to the inch and of travelling more than five miles from home without a permit.

He visited Folkestone without permission in January, and inch to the mile maps were found at his lodgings.

"I lived in Folkestone for many years and went to visit friends there. I didn't think I was doing any wrong," he said.

"I had a motor-cycle and these maps were motor-cycle maps which I have had a long time."

Sir Gervais Rentoul, the magistrate, said the maps looked as though Bostart had had them a very considerable time.

Sergeant Black, of the Special Branch, who opposed bail, said a recommendation for deportation was desired.

Sir Gervais: A deportation order! I don't know where he can be deported to.

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## Guards Ring Church Bells In No Man's Land

Grenadier Guardsmen, entering a deserted church in the middle of No-Man's-Land, rang the bells furiously to let Germans know they were there.

But the Germans did not respond. It was a call to a type of service they did not relish.

The village surrounding the church had been deserted since the outbreak of war. It was believed to shelter some Germans.

Dressed all in white as camouflage against the snow, the Guards set out for it in the early afternoon.

### Covering Party

A covering party took up positions near the entrance to the village, and the patrol went on ahead, carefully threatening their way along by paths and over flooded streams.

They disappeared up the village street. The covering party waited.

All was silent. The village seemed dead.

"Time passed without a sign from the patrol. A peal of bells suddenly sounded on the still air, gentle to begin with, then clamorous and insistent."

For the first time since the war began, the chiming of the village church were ringing.

### Officer Explains

The patrol duly emerged from the village. When they got back to the British lines they were asked why the church bells had rung.

"Oh, we didn't find any Germans," one of the Guards officers answered, "so we thought we would give a chime to let the Germans know we had been looking for them."

### FANLING FARMS

Recent Rains Have Good Effect on Crops

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## ENTERTAINMENTS

### 'CHIPS' SWEETHEARTS TO TEAM AGAIN

THE film folk are going nuts on classical music. And what they think is classical music. If it isn't Chopin, it's Schumann. If it isn't Beethoven, it's Brahms. I wouldn't be surprised if they got around to dear old Schubert again, the rate they're going.

Latest story to hand is that Louis B. Mayer in Hollywood plans to team again the famous stars of "Mr. Chips"—Robert Donat and Greer Garson.

The film they are to do is to be called "Song of Love." It is the love story of Clara and Robert Schumann. There's a great love story, coloured at the end by tragedy, for Schumann went mad.

THEY plan that Robert Taylor shall be the picture, too. He is to play Brahms. Now, Brahms was crochety, bibulous, ugly, portly and small. He was rude unless he wanted to be charming, which was rarely. I think, apart from that, Robert Taylor is pretty good casting.

★ ★ ★ NOTHING recently seems to have been heard of Mr. Mayer's previous brain-wave, which was to make a film of the song "The Rosary," with Myrna Loy, Clark Gable and William Powell.

I'm wondering when somebody will decide to do Handel's Largo, with Dorothy Lamour.

★ ★ ★ BIGGEST laughs that have been heard in cinemas since war broke out have been caused by a little American programme picture—a sort of junior Hardy family picture, with William Frawley as the exasperated pop. Film is called, "Stop, Look and Love."

And are the following faces red—Crazy Gang, George Formby, Will Hay, Lucan McShane, Askey, Murdoch, Moore Marriott.

★ ★ ★ "SCATTERBRAIN" is Britain's top song just now.

Richard Greene—Virginia Fields, who announced that they would marry in Hollywood this month, now say they have decided to wait a year.

"White Horse Inn" will be revived at the London Coliseum.

Another revival will be the famous wartime thriller serial "The Exploits of Elaine." But only if they can find just the gal to be another Pearl White.

Looks like Charles Laughton is settled in California for good. His next film will be "Hunt a Rogue," whimsical story of a London bartender who is mistaken for the father of a Hollywood star.

★ ★ ★ REMEMBER Paulette Goddard was announced as Scarlett in "Gone With the Wind," withdrew by agreement, and was replaced by Vivien Leigh?

A blow for any girl. But Paulette, once famous as a Charlie Chaplin leading lady, is now busy making herself into a star.

"No Scarlett," she said. "All right. But I'm going to be Loupette." She is. What's more, she put in for the part unasked.

Loupette, the fiery French-Canadian girl in Cecil B. de Mille's Technicolor production "North-West Mounted Police" is one of the most sought-after feminine parts since "G.W.P.W."

So Paulette shares stony honours with Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Robert Preston and Akim Tamiroff.

★ ★ ★ SHE had a hard struggle. De Mille wasn't interested.

"You don't quite look the part," he told her.

So Paulette had herself made up as Loupette, complete with bullwhip.

De Mille shook his head: "This part calls for acting, for accent, for fire," he said. "It needs a Lenore Ulrich."

Paulette called up Samuel Kaysar, noted acting coach. She learnt the part, mastering the French-Canadian dialect.

She caught the exasperated Mr. de Mille again.

"Here," she said, thrusting the script into his hand, "you read Robert Preston's part and we'll do the scene together."

An hour later she had got it.

TYRONE Power, America's No. 2 star of 1939, gets his marching orders for 1940. He is to play lead in a film called "The Great Commandment."

## WHAT'S ON

KING'S: "It Could Happen to You."

ORIENTAL: "Junarez."

MAJESTIC: "Daughters Courageous."

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA: "Tarzan Finds a Son."

It is a tale of how Jesus brought peace when the Jews revolted against the Romans in A.D. 30.

Which commandment? Not one of the Sermon on the Mount: "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself."

An excellent idea. Producer Darryl Zanuck senses that the world is eager, just now, to hear again the old story of brotherly love.

But Power? Frankly, he is a mystery man to me.

He has built the Suez Canal, been Marc Antonette's lover, Jesse James, the lad who saved Lloyd's of London.

But he had another part. He was Sonja Henie's Press agent in "Second Fiddle." The film was poor, but he was grand.

Frankly, Mr. Power is a light comedian first and other things a long way afterwards. I wish they'd let him fiddle while the other actors take care of Rome burning.

SAME thing with MADEIRA CARROLL. She has been snared by Cecil B. de Mille. And that guy certainly throws a mean lasso.

He has Birmingham's second-best citizen (first is Mr. Chamberlain, of course) ridin' the Rockies with Frederic March in "North-West Mounted."

And just as soon as he can pry her out of that high-backed saddle, she, too, is to go into a religious picture.

De Mille calls it "Queen of Queens." Miss Carroll is to be the first Mary and Miss Dietrich the other one. I hope it works out well.

So it will be six months before Miss Carroll can come home to be the society dame in "The Admirable Crichton," which Paramount plan to do here. Society dames are her long suit.

The delay has this one advantage. Mr. Leslie Howard may be through with his cut-price "Hamlet," so that he can be better to Miss Carroll.

Paramount announce four British pictures. "Crichton," then "Knights of the Round Table" (with young DOUG FAIRBANKS as Sir Lancelot), the life of Barney Barnato, diamond king, and a comedy to be called "What Hoi"

## Spotting the Rank

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MIDSHIPMAN (E)

Each of these ranks is distinguished from the corresponding grade in the Executive branch by strips of purple cloth between, or alongside, the gold lace on the cuffs or great-coat shoulders of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.

When the war broke out there were 358 Lieutenants (E), 94 Sub-Lieutenants (E), including 33 acting in that rank, and 121 Midshipman (E).

On the retired list there were 156 Lieutenants (E), 105 Engineer-Lieutenants (a rank now superseded by the former), and 14 Sub-Lieutenants (E) or corresponding ranks.

Until the rank of Sub-Lieutenant (E) is reached, those officers spend their time principally at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Koyham, Devonport.

At sea, Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants (E) may be either junior engine-room officers in battleships, aircraft-carriers or cruisers, or in charge of the machinery of small vessels.

Which reminds me to say that I don't think there is any form of entertainment I read more than a comedy called "What Hoi!" Unless it is a comedy called "Splash Me." Film titles are a great trouble to me. Mr. Howard's film with Ingrid Bergman used to be called "Intermezzo," but it is now "Escape to Happiness."

It could be called "Hell Sleg You Again," and I still wouldn't know what it is all about. I like titles like "Hunchback of Notre Dame" or "The Great Train Robbery." They let you know what's going on.

★ ★ ★ TAKE ANN HARDING for instance. She is coming down from the Hollywood hill top she inhabits to stage a screen come-back after two years. She partners Basil Rathbone.

In our last instalment, you will remember, we left her screaming at Mr. Rathbone in "Love from a Stranger." The new chapter is to be called "Destiny." All I know about a film with Harding and Rathbone called "Destiny" is that it depresses me.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't look now, Gaylord, but that woman over there has a terrible figure!"



By Jan Van Elven

## How Holland is Flooded

THE MOMENT the Germans set foot on Dutch territory, short, stout Mr. J. W. Alberda will be at the telephone to give the word "Flood!"

As Holland's Minister of Waterworks, Mr. Alberda—a civil engineer before he entered the Cabinet—controls the country's vast network of canals and waterways.

Hundreds of uniformed look-and-salute attendants are standing by night and day, waiting for his word.

It will be the signal for them to pull an electric switch. Immense sluice gates will be raised by machinery. The water will gush through to inundate large tracts of land.

Holland's waterworks are a marvel of mechanical efficiency. Within twenty-four hours a sheet of water will lie in the path of the invader.

While some of the sluices on rivers and canals are hand-operated, the principal sluices are worked by electricity.

Time will be an important factor in the flood strategy—and no time will be lost by the Dutchmen.

★ HOLLAND'S first line of defence is the River Yssel, near the German-Dutch frontier.

If resistance fails at this point, the Dutch Army, about 700,000 strong, will fall back to their main water-line—which is to Holland what the Maginot Line is to France.

This stretches for more than eighty miles from Amsterdam, past Utrecht, south-west to the River Lek and the River Waal, then to Blesbosch on the River Maas.

Above and beyond the flooded lands, the important industrial centres of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, the Hague, Utrecht, and Haarlem will remain intact.

In many parts of this low-lying region, the canals, enclosed in their banks, are ten feet above the level of the land. Flooding is thus an easy procedure.

All the sluice attendants have to do is to open the sluices, and raise the level of the canal water so that it overflows the banks on to the surrounding country.

Main artery of the water-line is the River Vecht, which flows into the Zuider Zee, west of Amsterdam. It is fed by a network of canals.

Both the sluices on the Vecht and the canals will be opened immediately the danger signal is given.

★ SIMULTANEOUSLY hundreds of bridges, already mined in readiness, will be blown up. There are more bridges to the square mile in Holland than any other country.

The water-line would be three miles on an average in width, and the depth would vary from 18 inches to 20 feet. Invaders will find it impossible to tell when they would pass from the shallows into the deep canals and ditches.

Already large stretches of the country have been flooded as an emergency, and hundreds of homes are under water. More than 16,000 of the people who lived there have been evacuated.

And what has been done there in the last few weeks has been sufficient to show what a barrier the water would be to an invading army.

The Dutch military authorities have experimented with tanks in the drowned fields. The tanks have been hopelessly bogged in the soggy, peaty ground under the water.

★ "BETTER a drowned land than a lost land," cried William the Silent in the sixteenth century, when the Spaniards menaced Holland.

Dykes were breached, the water came in and a great lake was spread between the Dutch and their enemy.

Water is a greater barrier to an army than it was in William the Silent's time. For mechanised forces the water-line would be impassable. Even where the ground looked solid, it might be a death-trap mine for tanks and guns. For the water seeps treacherously underneath.

To see the flooding of their land would be heart-breaking to the Dutch. For centuries they have been fighting water, as each polder or strip of reclaimed land was won from the sea.

But the Dutch are ready to undo the work of centuries and welcome an invasion by their ancient enemy if it serves to keep a worse enemy out.

Much of the work of reclaiming the vast basin of the Zuider Zee would go by the board. Millions of pounds have been spent in the last twenty years on this great reclamation scheme which was to have been completed in 1952.

A dam twenty-six miles long has been built as a barrier against the North Sea, and behind it thousands of acres have been drained and made useful. Thousands of acres more remain to be drained.

★ TO reclaim flooded reclaimed land and make it fit for cultivation again will take years of hard labour.

That is the sacrifice Holland must make to save the more important part of her territory from the invader.

In the strip of territory south of the River Maas and the Belgian frontier the Dutchmen would have a harder task in stemming the enemy.

But, here again they would have formidable barriers in the Wilhelmina and Willemstaart Canals, which are linked, in their continuation over the Belgian frontier, with the powerfully-fortified Albert Canal, running from Liege to Antwerp.

If Holland and Belgium co-operated to resist invasion, a stand could be made along the canals in this sector and the Germans held up long enough for help to arrive.

Many military experts believe that the region between the Maas River and the Albert Canal may be the great battlefield of the war.

Germany's twin objectives, to reach the south coast of Holland for the establishment of aeroplane and submarine bases, and to swing from Holland through Belgium for an attack on France, would be fought out here.

The large provinces of Friesland and Groningen at the north-west of Holland may prove indefensible. Here the land is comparatively high and cannot be flooded.

Plans have been worked out for evacuating the population of these provinces by rushing them across the modern roadway on the Zuider Zee dam.

Holland, free of invasion for more than a century, is ready for any emergency.

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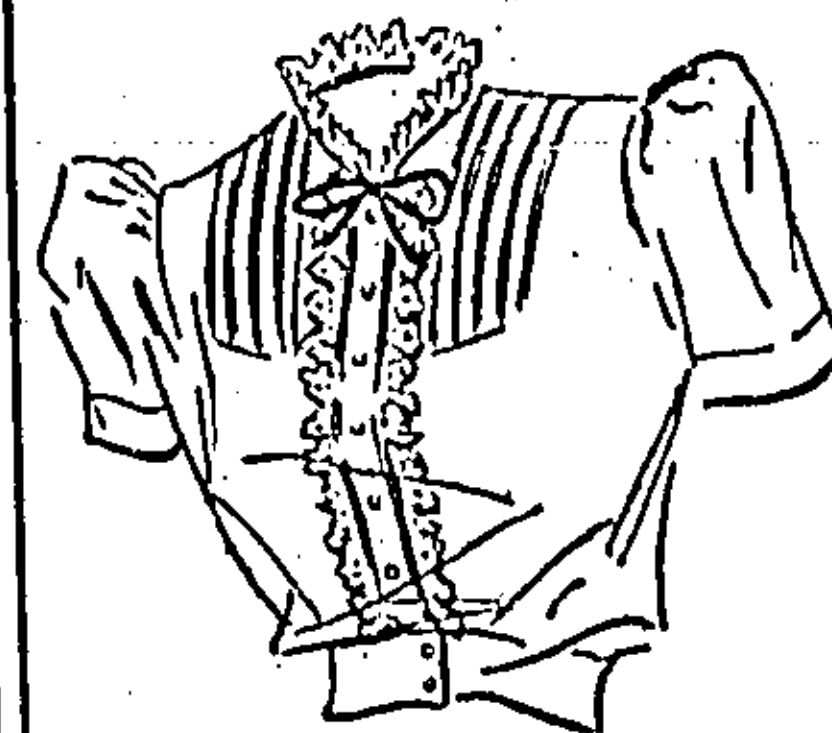
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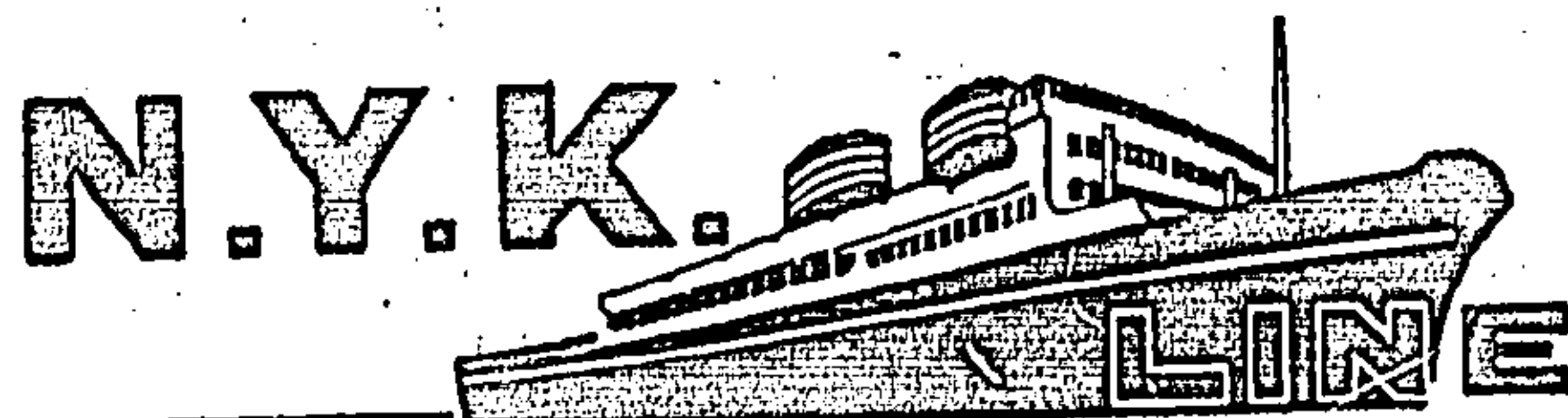
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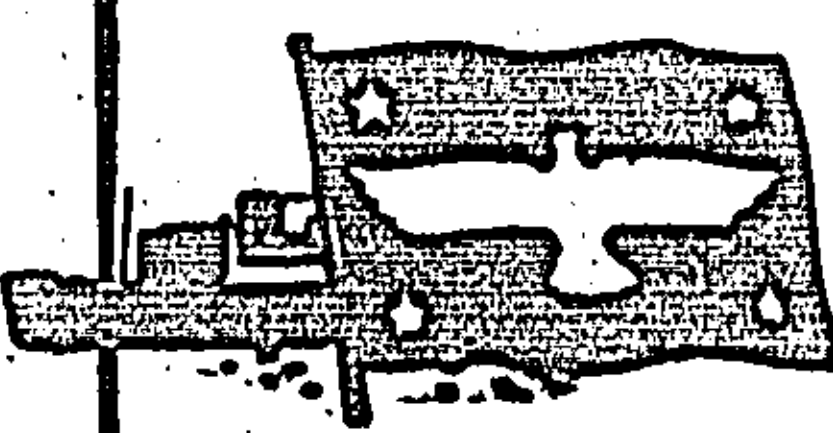
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# ENGLISH GIRL FREE FROM 'HELL-PRISON'

## Gives German Police A "Telling-Off"

By MORLEY RICHARDS

"Daily Express" Staff Reporter

ROTTERDAM.

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Dorothy Hughes, London typist who has been a prisoner in Germany since war broke out, has reached Rotterdam, free after six months. Her fiancé is still in a German jail.

She told how she was kept in a small cell with forty other women, was given bad food, and had to sleep on the stone floor. Miss Hughes and her fiancé left London on August 26 for a holiday in Vienna. A friend who was going to see his fiancé in Vienna travelled with them. "Both men were taken away from our hotel on September 8," Miss Hughes said to me, "and I had to stay there alone. I was not allowed to go out."

"On December 1 the police took me to Rossumland prison. I was put with forty other women in a cell no bigger than a large double bedroom. The women were all street girls or criminals. Some had consumption or other complaints. The wardresses hated me for being English. They said so. One told me: 'I loathe the English, and this is the way to treat you.' We had to go to bed at five o'clock in the afternoon. Then we were called at three in the morning. We slept on the stone floors with only rough, dirty mattresses. I had to sleep with all my clothes on to try to keep warm. The food was terrible—sour bread and sour soup. We had nothing to read, and not even a needle to do a little work with. We could do nothing except huddle together, and talk or cry."

**No Open Windows**  
"They would not let us open a window. When we tried, a wardress came and sealed it up. Once a week we were allowed to have a shower. Then we had to undress, bathe and dress again in five minutes."

"After a time they moved me to another cell where there were eight other girls, all political prisoners."

"A Jugo-Slav girl in the cell had a wound. She pleaded for a doctor, and at last one came, but he did not return for three weeks. Then they took her away."

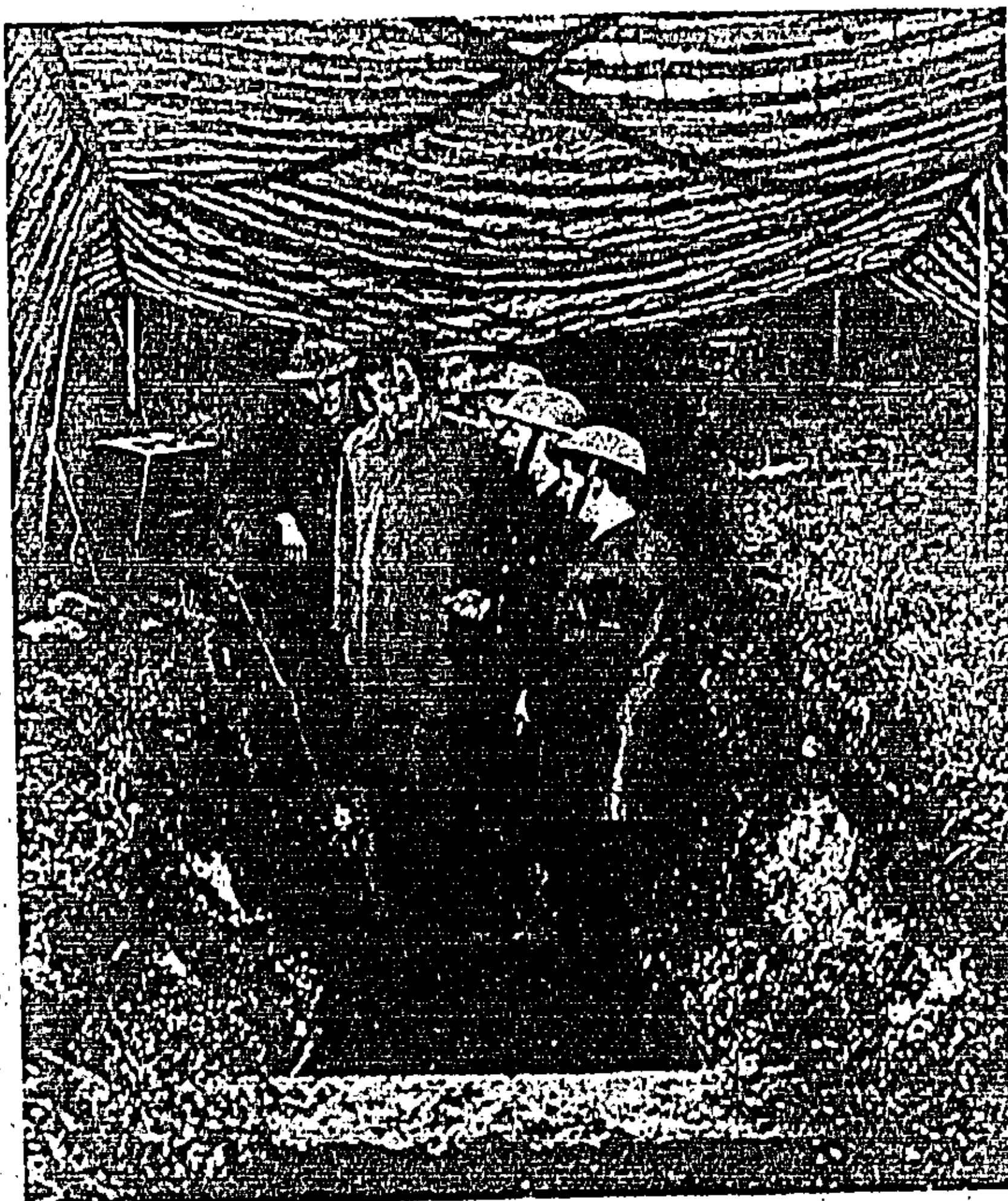
"I was ill and asked for medicine. It was three weeks before I got it. A wardress beat an English girl over the head with a rolled-up blanket because she complained. I was in this ghastly prison for nearly three months. I could not eat more than one meal in two days, the food was so bad and often it made me sick."

"Then I was moved to Berlin. There I complained to the police and told them off about the way I had been treated. They shouted at me, but took a statement and made me sign it."

"One of them said: 'That is the way German prisoners are being treated in England.'"

"I had one letter from my boy. He wrote it in December, but I got it two days ago."

## B.B.C. CHIEF VISITS FRANCE



Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation, visited France recently to find out what sort of entertainment appealed to men of the B.E.F. In a trench he found some airmen listening to a radio programme, and he asked for—and was given—their views on it. Photo courtesy B. B. C.

## Oldest V.C. Had Two Wishes Both Are Granted

The two last wishes of ex-Trooper John Doogan, age 80, oldest holder of the V. C., who has died at Folkestone, will be carried out.

One was that his V.C. should be presented to his old regiment, the King's Dragoon Guards, and the other that he should be buried at Shorncliffe Camp, among soldiers who fell in the Great War.

A War Office rule that none but serving soldiers should be buried in this military cemetery during the war has been waived.

Doogan won his V.C. at Laing's Nek, in South Africa, in 1881.

## HAW-HAW'S TEMPER

—By His ex-wife  
"LORD HAW-HAW," Germany's anti-British broadcaster, "was terrible to live with," his former wife told me yesterday, said a correspondent.

"He had a vile temper and was always just as sarcastic towards me as he sounds on the wireless," she said.

"Haw Haw" is William Joyce, a founder of the National Socialist League.

**The Patriot**  
I found his former wife in a cottage at Hoveham, Sussex, where she lives with her second husband. She divorced Joyce six years ago.

"Joyce joined the Army when he was only 15. He was intensely patriotic, and would always stand strictly to attention when 'God Save the King' was played."

"Once he was in bed with a cold, and some of his mates pulled his leg by playing the National Anthem just to see him jump out of bed and stand up until they had finished."

**German Crop**  
"They played it on a mouth-organ, and as soon as he was back in bed they got him out again with a tin whistle, followed by a paper and comb. He was out of bed so much that he caught pneumonia."

"After he left the Conservative Party, and drifted into the Fascist set, he became pro-German, even to the extent of having his hair cut in the German way and wearing German-style clothes. The greatest compliment you could pay him was to say, 'You look like a German.'"

"He speaks several languages, and taught himself German. I think his trouble is that he is too brainy to the extent of being crazy."

## Hitler Kills Two Women—In English

TWO women who have died in England were killed by Hitler—as surely as if he had put a pistol to their heads.

Their names—Frau Elsa Sebald, 56-year-old German refugee, and Frau Preuss, daughter-in-law of post-war Germany's greatest democrat.

Frau Sebald, cultured and a skilful sculptress, was born a Swiss, but married a German official. They had a son who, when war came, was aged 18.

Racial persecution by the Nazis forced her to leave her husband and son, and when war broke out she fled from Germany to England.

**Her Son's Bust**

One of the few things they allowed her to take out of Germany was a bust she had carved of that beloved son. Then, somehow or other—the details of such things do not leak out of Nazi Germany—husband and son met death.

Frau Sebald went to Nuneaton, became housekeeper to Mr. Walter Bradbury, a postmaster, of Arbury-road.

She was very reserved. All she would say of life in Germany was, "It was hell." She had fits of depression, and took drugs to bring sleep.

They found her dead, from an overdose, in a Nuneaton hotel. In her arms was the bust of her son.

Letters she left told of her gratitude to Mr. Bradbury. Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict.

Frau Preuss was the wife of Dr. E. G. Preuss, whose father, Hugo Preuss, was the author of the Weimar Constitution, the model of German democracy destroyed by Hitler and the Nazis.

**Cursed By Hitler**

After a long illness, worsened by the flight from her homeland, she threw herself out of the window of her fourth-floor flat in Grove End-road, St. John's Wood, N. W.

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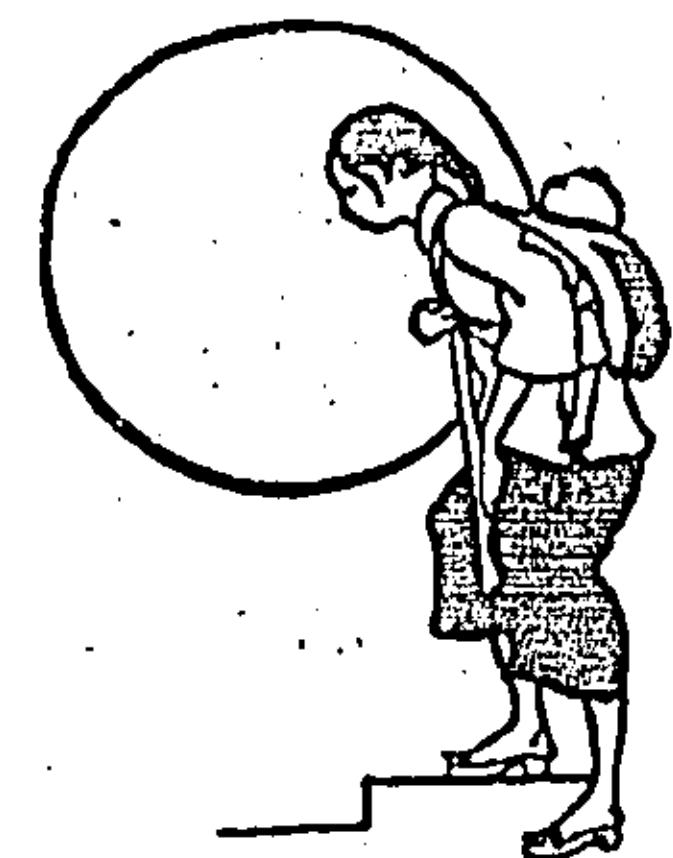
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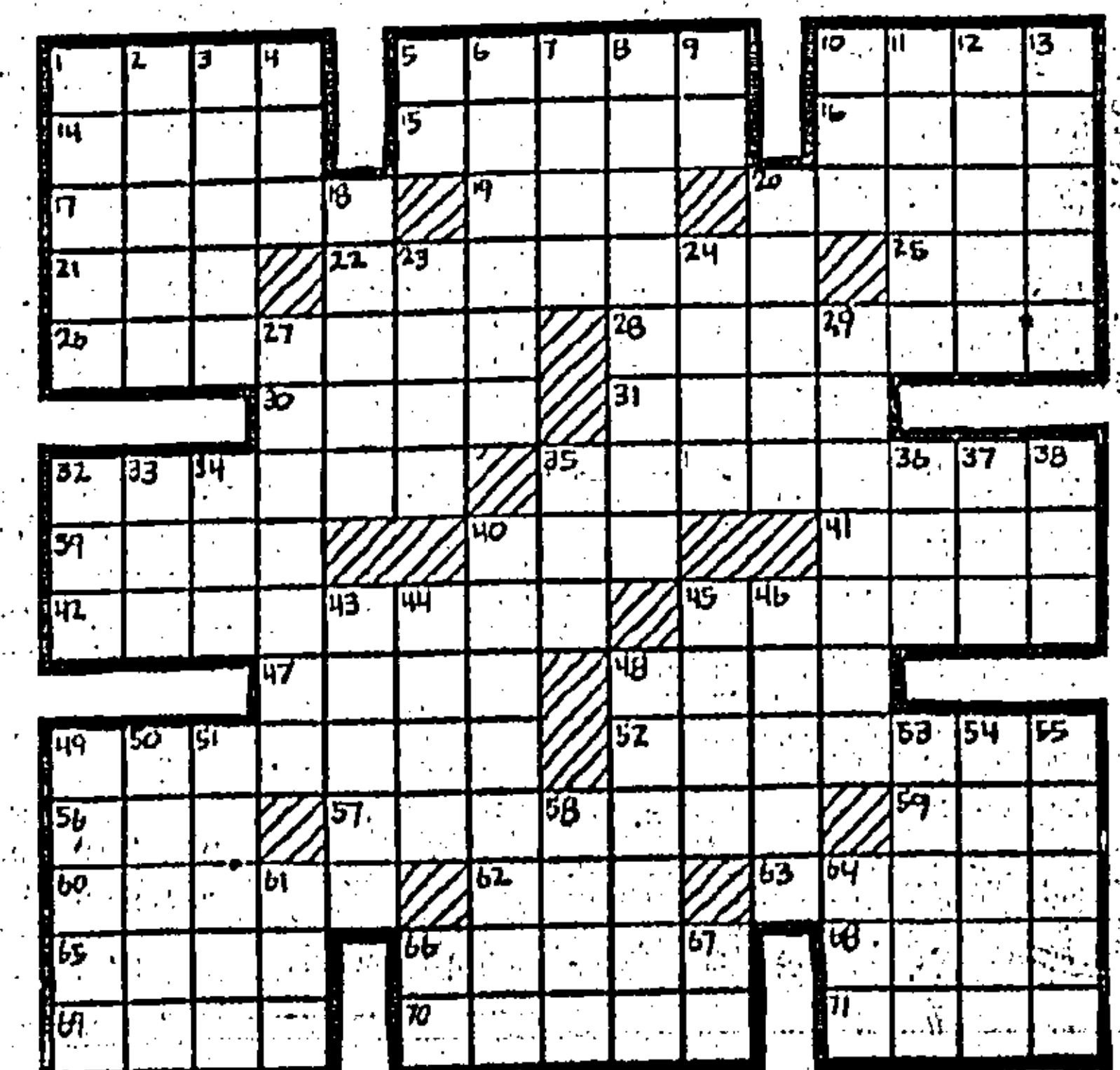
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Reflected sound  
2—Hunt  
3—River to Iberia  
4—Fishing boat  
5—Made feel sick  
6—Fencing boat  
7—Habit-like mammals  
8—Pool (col.)  
9—According to law  
10—Girl's name  
11—Travel fare  
12—Feminine outfit  
13—Let go  
14—Bonds back  
15—Years apart  
16—Vine measure (pl.)  
17—Inhabitants of the centre of Great Britain  
18—Female deer  
19—Therefore  
20—Lock away  
21—Fruit  
22—Criminal (Spanish)  
23—Self-mutilated  
24—Tuff  
25—Over against  
26—Short poem  
27—Vehicle for towing  
28—Isle New Zealand  
29—Small bunch of hair  
30—High ball  
31—Call down  
32—Female voice  
33—Blender spines  
34—Wine friend (French)  
35—Fist  
36—Skiff

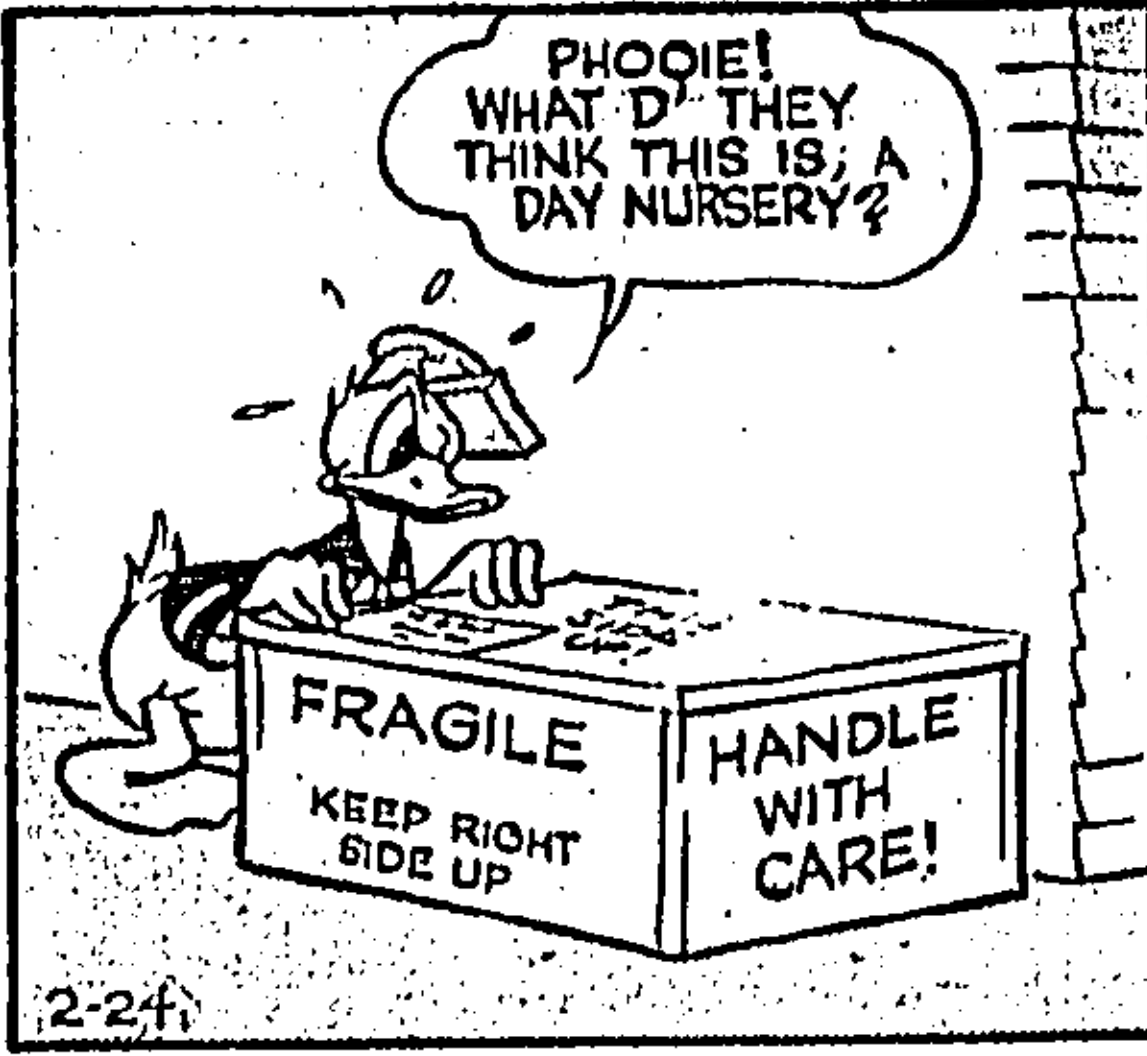
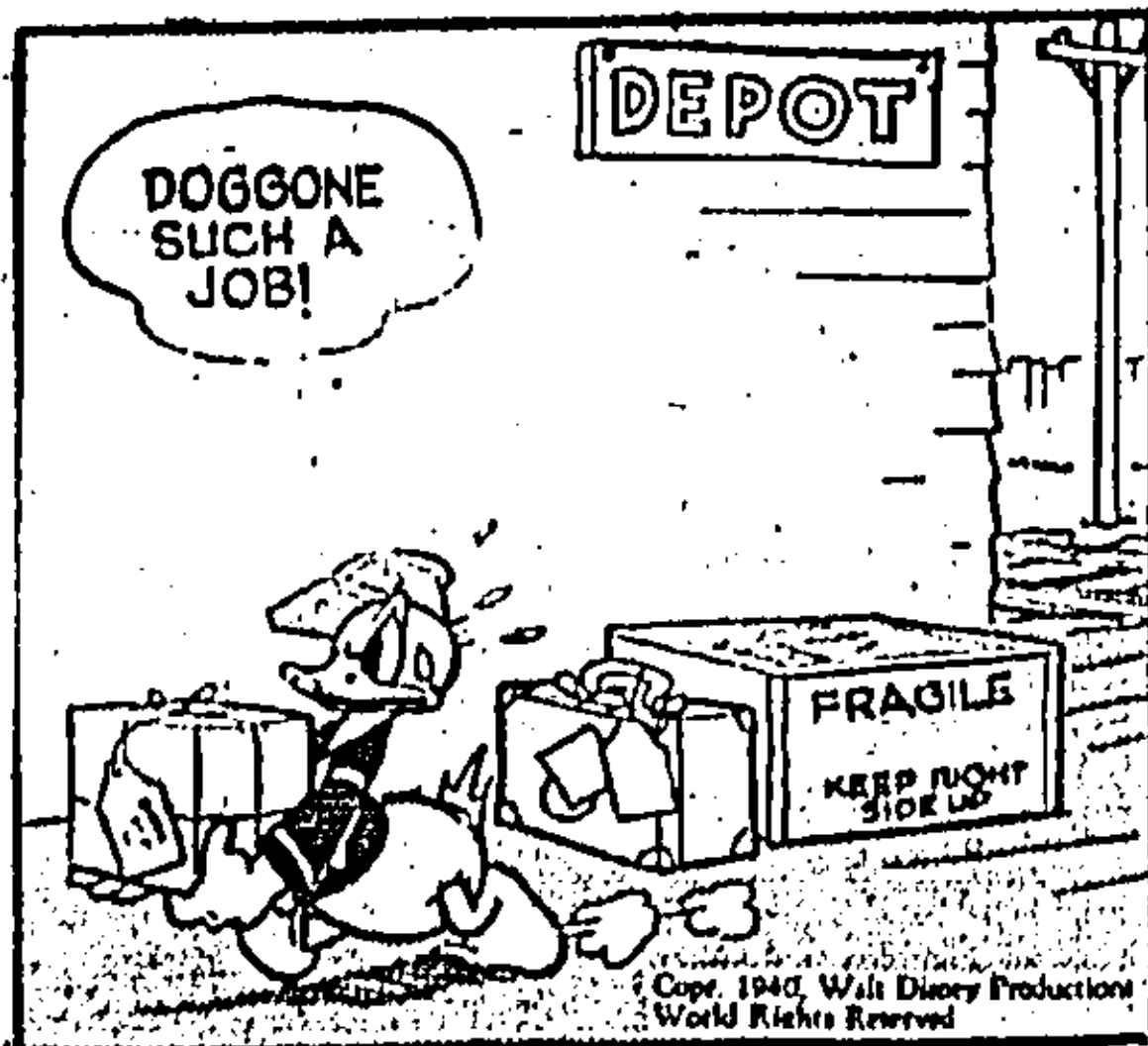
DOWN  
1—Space medium  
2—Use for earnestly  
3—Hourly  
4—Are indebted for  
5—Shelter for pigeons  
6—Coasting steamer  
7—Try or test  
8—South America  
9—And (French)  
10—Devoiced  
11—Comments  
12—On dry land  
13—Business transactions  
14—Dustman's cart  
15—These of poem  
16—Viper  
17—Toot wheel  
18—Deletion  
19—Moralist  
20—Light color  
21—Unworked metallic deposit  
22—Angry  
23—Non-amateur player  
24—(col.)  
25—Period  
26—Lies in chairs again  
27—Lundreth of dollar  
28—Projection of spike to center  
29—Abide  
30—Jazz sound like cat  
31—Ancient Persian ruler  
32—County in Kentucky  
33—Roman officer  
34—Gods of the earth  
35—Coco  
36—Three-dimensional  
37—Movements of water due to moon  
38—Shelter for pigeons  
39—Coasting steamer  
40—Try or test  
41—South America  
42—And (French)





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MOROCCANS GET READY FOR THE NAZIS



FRANCE is taking the opportunity provided by the stalemate on the Western Front to perfect all her defences, so that even if the Germans should miraculously break through the Maginot Line, they will find formidable defences everywhere throughout the country. Photograph shows Moroccan troops digging trenches somewhere in France—French Official War Photograph.

"Ladies only" airplane line

K.L.M. air line is starting a new Ladies Only air liner service between Europe and Australia. And 50 per cent. of the first bookings have been sold to British women passengers.

Imperial Airways, with Government restrictions, a limited amount of aircraft, and no replacements, could offer these women passengers only bookings with delays of as long as a month.

The Dutch K.L.M. company has been one of the most enterprising of the neutrals in profiting by the British Government's stranglehold on civil aviation progress in war-time.

Ladies Only air liners will run over almost identical routes to Britain's own Empire services.

Only Twelve

Each of the planes will take only twelve passengers. The first six seats in the first one, due to leave in a few days, have been booked by Englishwomen.

Their air liners leave from Naples, which is the terminus. But the passengers will be met in Paris by the captain and crew of the machine in which they are to fly. From Paris to Naples they will be escorted and entertained on their train journey by the aircraft officers.

The destinations of the sixteen Englishwomen who have already booked are: eleven to India, three to Burma, two to Australia.

Because war restrictions have held up the delivery of new flying-boats, Imperial Airways North Atlantic passenger service, due to begin this year, is cancelled.

Instead of the huge G class flying-boats, the Golden Hind, Golden Fleece, Golden Horn and others which in June this year should have begun to carry as many as thirty passengers on Transatlantic trips, a number of elderly Empire flying-boats, specially strengthened, will run only mail and freight services.

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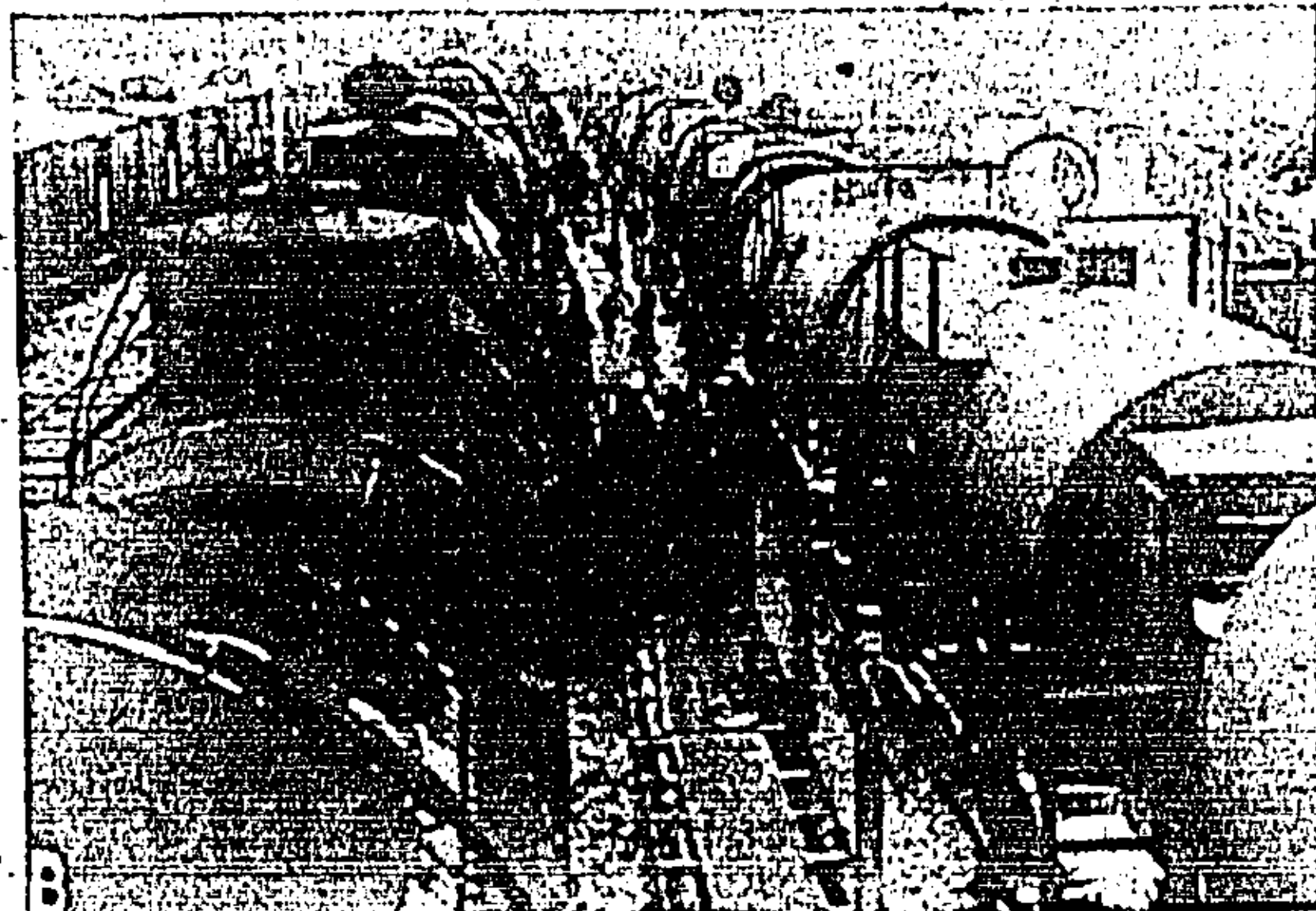
THE Ark Royal—our £3,000,000 aircraft carrier you "sank" by radio twice nightly—is on her way again. I went down to see her during her "wash and brush up" at a British port after a five months' cruise. And fine and dandy she looked, with not even a scratch from that 1,000lb. bomb you thought had sent her to the bottom of the sea.

As a matter of fact it was a pretty close shave. The bomb dropped only five yards from the Ark Royal's bows. But all it did was to break some of the Admiral's crockery. And since then the ship has steamed many thousand miles and, with her aircraft, has reconnoitred 5,000,000 square miles of ocean from the northern Atlantic down to Rio and Capetown.

She has been responsible for the capture of one valuable German merchant ship and the scuttling of two more. Her planes have attacked several U-boats and others have been frightened into crash dives with unknown results.

So much for the facts, Dr. Goebbels which I am sure you will be glad to pass on.

RUSSIAN OIL FOR THE NAZIS



GERMANY is desperately short of oil and because of the Allied blockade must bring in her supplies by railway. This photograph gives some idea of the congestion that results.—Domei

Why Fat Men Are Best Long-Distance Pilots

FAT men make the best pilots for long-distance reconnaissance patrols because they diet themselves to suit their physical conditions and are better able to stand cold and strain.

This, while not held to be a general rule, is indicated by careful tests made by the R.A.F. medical services.

Airmen's diet is closely watched. All get a proportion of vitamins A and D (mostly given in tasteless capsule form).

To measure and assess reactions to certain flying stresses and conditions members of the Research staff have allowed themselves to be deliberately "blacked out."

Stress Time Limit

No hard-and-fast rule is laid down of the number of hours the pilot is expected to have flown before he shows signs of flying stress or any neurosis.

But each member of the flying personnel of every station is watched by the medical officer of the unit, who in some cases is himself a qualified pilot. He has to watch unceasingly for the first symptoms of flying stress.

There is no ban on alcohol or smoking in moderation.

IT REQUIRES SOME PLUCK

"I am too scared to fight. I admit it frankly. That is my main objection to joining the Army," James McCarthy, plumber, of Bonner-road, Bethnal Green, told the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal recently.

Judge Hargreaves said they admired his frankness but had no power to exempt him because he was afraid to fight.

He Took Best Siegfried Line Photographs

ON his first reconnaissance flight beyond the Siegfried Line, a 23-year-old sergeant-pilot has secured the most valuable photographs the R.A.F. has yet taken.

Both the pilot and his observer have just received from British C.H.Q. in France official congratulations on an "exceptionally brilliant exploit."

He had, as he told United Press war correspondent, "beginner's luck." And this is the story of his scouting exploit.

The pilot took his machine to 15,000 feet in a cloudless sky and followed the line of the German defences.

These were photographed, and then the plane was steered east into enemy territory.

For two-and-a-half hours the plane cruised over Germany, and the British airmen pictured the camouflaged airfields behind the Siegfried Line.

The crew was over one aerodrome for 20 minutes while the electrically-operated camera took a strip of pictures showing a squadron of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground.

ROOSEVELT READY

Washington, Apr. 15.

In a Pan-American Day address to-day, President Roosevelt said that the American republics must be prepared to meet force with force if their system of peaceful relations were challenged.—United Press.

'Fairly Clever'

Adolph

YOU might tell Lieut. Adolph Francke, who did the "sinking," that the officers and men of the Ark Royal think he is a fairly clever pilot. He dived from about 4,000ft., let go the bomb at about 1,000ft., and—as I said—missed by five yards. So don't be too hard on him for making a fool of you.

I am sure of my facts, for the officers and men of the Ark Royal remember every incident of that day they were "sunk" early in the war. "An interesting day," they called it.

Here is what happened, in the words of the commanding officer, Capt. A. J. Power: "We were in the North Sea when three Dornier flying-boats appeared, flying well away and high out of the range of the ship's guns. Aircraft were sent up at once from the carrier and went into action against the Dorniers. One was shot down and the others made away."

"The German machine landed on the sea and its position was communicated to a destroyer, which raced up and rescued the crew and sank the aircraft."

"Apparently the Dorniers had communicated with their land base and very soon some bombers appeared. They had a warm reception from our fellows, but one German more daring than the others, made a power dive on us."

'Saw Huge Bomb'

Coming At Us

"HE started from about 4,000ft. and pulled out at perhaps 1,000ft. I saw a bomb leave him: it was the biggest one I have seen. I saw it falling and from the bridge my impression was that it was not going to hit us. It landed in the sea about 15ft. from the ship's side. But had it hit us it would not have sunk us."

"The bows lifted up a little; we were shaken. But all it really did was to break some crockery. All other reports are just nonsense. That fellow Francke was a clever pilot all right but he shouldn't jump to conclusions."

But perhaps, Dr. Goebbels, your pilots couldn't be blamed for thinking that the Ark Royal had been sunk. For when they returned later they found not with the rest of the Fleet. She wasn't at the bottom of the sea though. She was just doing other duties. Which just goes to show how careful you should be before you rush into radio!

Anyway, your "Where is the Ark Royal? Ask your Mr. Churchill!" announcements brightened up life on the ship quite a lot. The crew used to listen and roar back "Here."

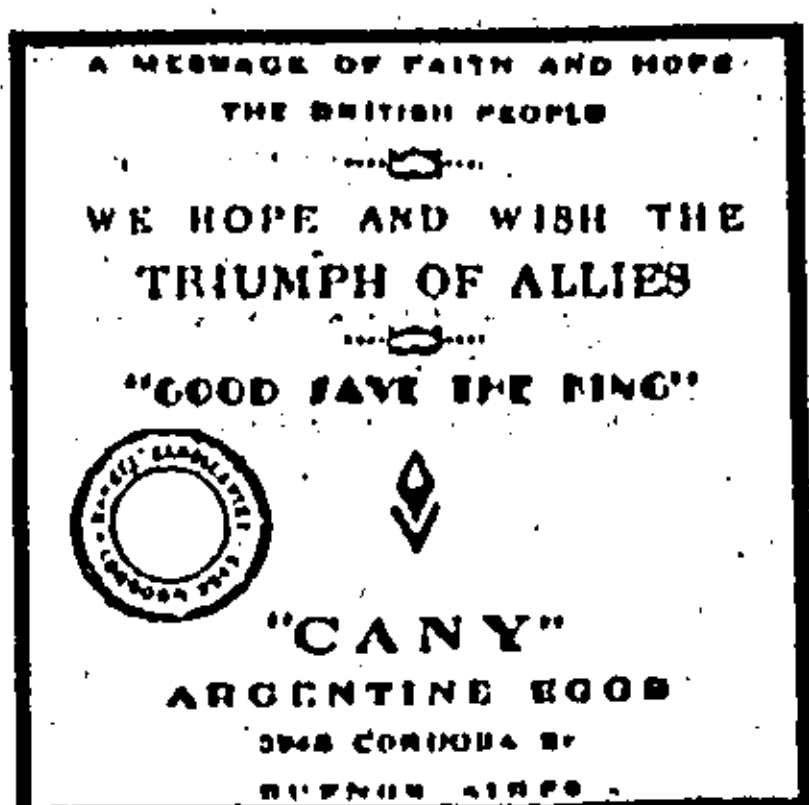
Torpedoes Within

200 Yards

AS a matter of fact I don't mind telling you now that the Ark Royal had another close shave in October. That was when two torpedoes passed within about 200 yards of her. But the U-boat was sunk by a screen of destroyers before it could get close.

"Someone sent me an article from a German paper giving a graphic reconstruction in pictures of the 'sinking,'" he said. "He thought I might like to use it for a Christmas card."

IT SHOWS WHAT THEY THINK



This leaflet was found stuck on a box of eggs unloaded at London Docks. It was sent by a reader, who said, "It shows what the man abroad is thinking."

Song War Is Spreading

A LOT of fighting in the war so far has been with songs, and from the neutral observation post of the U.S. it appears that the boys behind the piano have done almost as much work as the boys behind the machine-guns.

When the war broke out soldiers found there weren't any new martial songs, so they had to march off to the front singing dance tunes like "The Beer Barrel Polka" and "South of the Border."

When these wore out they had to turn to the old favourites of the last war, like "Tipperary," "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "Back to Blihty," which were soon given such modern twists as—

"Pack up your Goebbels in your old kit bag, and hell, hell, hell!" After this first spell of makeshift the song writers produced such songs as "I'm sending you to the 'Siegfried Line' and 'Hang up your Washing on the Siegfried Line'."

The Germans denounced the Siegfried Line songs as "bad taste" in broadcasts to America. "Soldiers who fight," declared the German announcer, "do not brag."

8 Weeks Wed, Seeks Divorce

—Court Told

FOUR days before she was found strangled in her flat, a wife aged nineteen, married only eight weeks, and who had been trying to get a divorce from her husband, aged twenty, so that she could marry another, went to the theatre with a former lover.

The lover gave evidence at Newcastle, when the husband, Michael Banks, steel worker, of Herbert-street, Newcastle, was remanded for a week, accused of murdering Eleanor Banks, his wife, by strangling her.

Although they were married only at Christmas, said Mr. Maurice Crump, prosecuting, the Banks' marriage was not happy. Only the night before her death there was a scene in their home.

The quarrel was described by Grace Graham, fifteen, sister of the dead woman, who told how she spent the night at the flat.

Hand Over Mouth

She was awakened by her sister gasping, "Mother, Mother."

"My brother-in-law was holding his hand over her mouth," said the girl, "and I told him to get off. He said he would go for the police, and my sister told him to do what he liked. He went out and came back with a policeman."

Norman Harrison, of Heathfield-crescent, Newcastle, said he had been engaged to Mrs. Banks before her marriage. On the Thursday before she died they went to the theatre together. It was the only time he had seen her since her marriage.

Mrs. Jane Annie Calder, Banks' sister, said her brother arrived at her house on the Sunday afternoon and asked for a cigarette. Mrs. Calder went on: "He had an awful look on his face, and I asked him what was the matter, and where Eleanor was. He replied, 'She will never breathe again. I have done her in.'"

Banks, alleged Mrs. Calder, added: "I have been married eight weeks, and I have never slept through her keeping waking me and asking about a divorce. I have never had a good dinner until to-day."

the washing will be very dirty before it can be hung on the Siegfried Line."

Scorning the compositions of America as "decadent" and "Jewish," the Germans have been caught short of new war songs. German sailors came forward with a chant, "When We Sail Towards England," but somebody spoiled it as a rehearsal of 1914 number.

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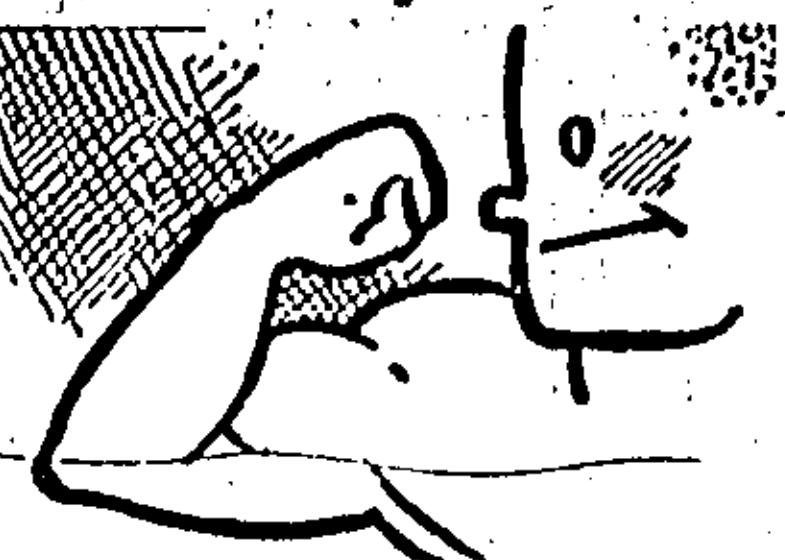
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band of Lucilla. Coriège will  
leave Canossa Hospital, at 5 p.m.,  
to-day and pass the Monument  
at 5.30. No flowers by request.

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## Crusoe Debunked

A NAZI writer has done a  
useful bit of work in showing up  
Robinson Crusoe for what he  
really was—an unscrupulous  
Briton tyrannising over defence-  
less savages and depriving Man  
Friday of his Lebensraum.

Perhaps most readers of the  
famous tale had never thought of  
it in that light. But that  
presumably is because they are  
mostly British. Defoe we must  
now see as a sinister propa-  
gandist, upholder and exponent  
of British imperialism.

Our colonial iniquities are ap-  
parently of much longer stand-  
ing than we had suspected.

On the other hand, we find  
native races the world over  
simply longing to place them-  
selves under the benevolent pro-  
tection of the Swastika.

When the Nazis have treated  
the populations of Czecho-  
Slovakia and Poland so well, it  
stands to reason that they would  
be not less kindly in Africa or  
elsewhere.

"Taking it all in all," the Nazi  
writer comments, "we Germans  
are incredibly harmless people."  
Yes, incredibly! This harmless-  
ness has expressed itself even  
more eloquently since Hitler  
came to power than heretofore.

The German propaganda  
machine must indeed be  
gravelled for matter, in its cam-  
paign to blacken Great Britain,  
if it has to turn to masterpieces  
like "Robinson Crusoe" in search  
of revelations.

We make it a present of  
"Gulliver's Travels" and any  
other classic that takes its fancy.  
Further proofs of British  
villainy should not be hard to get  
—provided one brings to the  
necessary mental bias to the  
task.

SHADOWS  
OVER  
SWEDEN

IN the Opera House the  
voices are rising and  
interweaving to ideal  
patterns traced by the baton  
of Fritz Busch. Dry, clear  
and gay is this production  
of "Cosi Fan Tutte," a great  
German and the Swedish  
genius for decors have com-  
bined to make as fine a  
version as Europe is likely  
to see.

But the Swedes who crowd the  
stalls and balconies are not watching  
with complete attention; they are  
aware that a few miles away, the  
war has come to their back door,  
and straight ahead, through the  
wood and canvas Mediterranean of  
the backcloth, Germans, cut off from  
their bases by the British Navy, can  
now obtain their supplies by one  
route. That route lies through  
Sweden.

They know, too, that the contrast  
here is only a miniature of the  
tragedy confronting Sweden on the  
stage of world politics.

Once ancient Crete found itself in  
a situation which was not dissimilar.  
In a thousand years of peace a society  
developed where tools were works  
of art and central heating warmed  
the houses of the rich; so long a  
freedom from war raised civilisation  
to a plane where it could refine the  
detail of living. Unfortunately the  
Cretans forgot the ugly business of  
defending themselves and were swept  
out of existence by the first invader.

IN modern Sweden it is not just  
that the drapings of Great Bri-  
tain are unthinkable, that the build-  
ings of Stockholm reach a general  
standard unequalled by any other  
capital, that a button at your bedside  
unbolts the door or a switch in the  
sleeping-car procures a tropical a  
temperature as you wish.

The virtues of democracy are  
entirely solid. Slums—which do not  
exist—seem a medieval blot on the  
landscape of backward countries;  
pensions, insurance, co-operation,  
are organised to high efficiency. The  
children in elementary schools have  
free doctoring and dentistry, and it  
is 20 years since the State limited the  
working day of the adult to eight  
hours.

This country, which war has not  
touched for well over a century, has  
come to believe in civilisation, prov-  
ing it by the expenditure of tens of  
millions of kronor more each year on  
social services than on armaments.

But now, in the course of a few  
months, the shadows of Crete are  
gathering.

War in the south between  
Germany and the Western Powers  
she could have survived without  
risking her highly-manicured hands  
in it. Her iron-ore may be help-  
ing Germany—though not so  
much, she keeps telling her con-  
science, as to help indispensably—  
ships may be being sunk, the thicket  
of wireless masts on the roof of the  
German Legation may be preparing  
heaven knows how much trouble;  
but none of these things is worth  
a resistance which would mean des-  
truction by Germany.

FAR more alarming to Swedish  
nerves is the German assault on  
her neighbour Norway. For this,  
Sweden foresees, is going to have  
immediate and tangible effects on  
herself.

If Britain maintains the blockade  
that cuts the German invaders off  
from their bases marches to the  
frontier, the least that can happen is  
the creation of an alternative route  
across the Baltic. At worst Russia  
may be expected to join Germany in  
a race by the iron-ore mines in the  
north and for domination of Sweden  
politically and economically.

The people are divided as to the  
best course of action. The Govern-  
ment believes in inaction, hinting at  
knowledge that Germany will invade  
if help is given to Norway. Defence  
works are being rushed up on Skane,  
coastal batteries and entanglements  
feared from Maglot and Manner-  
heim; but these are unfinished and

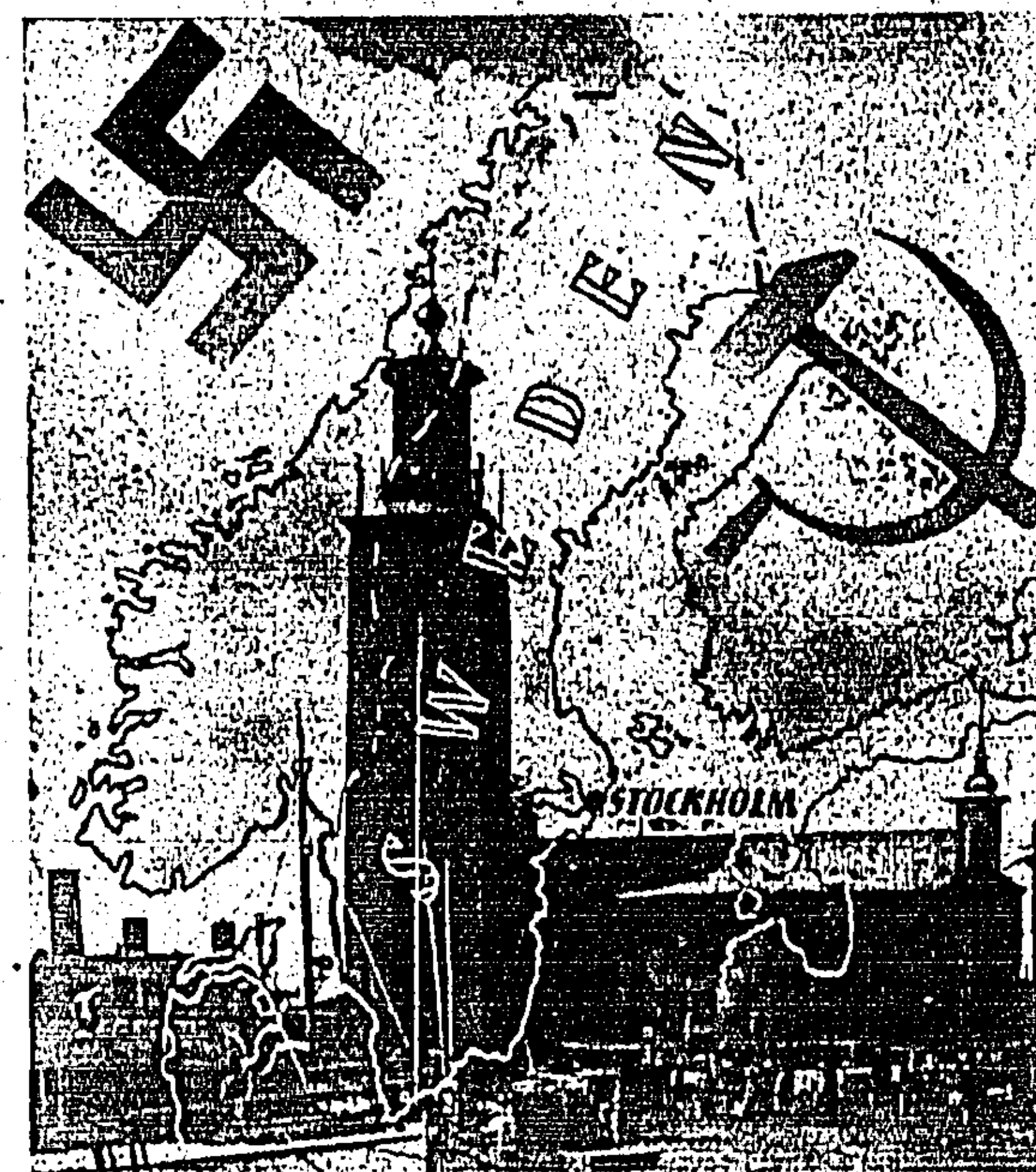
could not withstand the few divisions  
Germany would release from the  
Western Front. Half the army is in  
the north; its worth, after years of  
economy, is unknown.

Pacifism, in this atmosphere, can  
go to extreme lengths. We must  
accept this fact," said one of the most  
distinguished Social Democrats at  
a secret party meeting, "Finland  
was Lebensraum of Russia, Sweden  
may be the Lebensraum of Ger-  
many."

But the interventionists, shocked  
and indignant at the less spectacular  
pacifism expressed by the Govern-  
ment, have strong arguments and  
stronger feelings on their side. To  
quieten growing public excitement it  
was necessary for the King to en-  
dorse the policy, and even then the  
brave man of Scandinavia, a jour-  
nalist called Dr. Segerstedt, wrote:  
"The Government has played the  
king, but the ace of fate will beat  
that."

He meant that the dangers of non-  
intervention are more certain than  
those of attack. For if Germany,  
Sweden will fall not merely into  
her grip but into Russia's, the tradi-  
tional enemy.

TO this turmoil of prophecies and  
forebodings we must add the  
hopes centred on England. Sweden  
is far more pro-British than she  
was in the last war. "How could



we like a regime of gangsters?" one  
said to me. "Those people don't be-  
long to the twentieth century."

So certain was this Swede of the  
sympathies of his country that he  
argued in favour of a British inva-  
sion to fight Russia when she was  
invading Finland. Resistance he  
said, would mean alignment with  
Germany, and this was impossible.  
Two days later a more elderly Swede  
was warning me in tones as urgent  
as if they were addressed to Mr.  
Winston Churchill that an expedition  
of this kind would be fatal since it  
would throw Sweden into Germany's  
arms.

Both these schools of thought  
assume that Britain will send effec-  
tive help to Scandinavia.

MEANWHILE some are enrolling to  
fight in Norway, as they enrolled Tutte

Three Powers have guaranteed her  
security: two more would like to—

So what has  
Rumania got to  
worry about?

RUMANIA lives under the shadow  
of a great fear.

And yet three Powers have guar-  
anteed her security, and two more  
are anxious to guarantee it.

Why is Rumania embarrassed by  
guarantors and would-be guarantors?  
Why, if five Powers wish to preserve  
her, does she live in fear?

When Great Britain and France  
gave a guarantee to Poland they  
gave one to Rumania, too.

When Germany and Italy  
guaranteed her against aggres-  
sion by any European Power except  
Russia, Count Ciano and Count  
Ciano have offered her a guarantee  
on behalf of their countries, Italy  
and Hungary.

So what are Rumania's worries?

SHE is in the most dangerous  
position in which any State  
can be—she is richer than she is  
strong. She is adjoined by one  
Great Power—Russia—and within  
the sphere of influence of another  
—Germany. And both have designs  
against her.

(1) Why does Russia look towards  
Rumania? Bessarabia, now a pro-  
vince of the kingdom of Rumania,  
belonged to Russia until the Revolu-  
tion of 1917. A quarter of the popu-  
lation of Bessarabia is Russian in  
birth and speech.

(2) And what is Germany's in-  
terest in Rumania? It is even more  
acute than Russia's. Rumania has oil  
wells. She produces seven million  
tons of crude oil a year; Germany  
consumes 7,000,000 tons of petrol a  
year in peace, and probably more  
than double that amount in war.  
Control of Rumania's oil would make  
a vast improvement in Germany's  
position.

At present though she sends three-  
fifths of her total exports to Ger-  
many, Rumania sends her only  
1,000,000 tons of oil, one-third of  
her total oil exports. In the recent  
trade negotiations Germany is said  
to have demanded the doubling of  
this figure, but has not succeeded in  
getting it. Control of Rumania's  
cereals and timber, too, would not  
obtain a depreciation of Rumanian  
currency which increases her own  
purchasing power.

Germany has no common frontier  
with Rumania, German troops would

have to cross Hungary, or Russian  
Poland, before they could enter  
Rumania.

It is difficult to say whether most  
Rumanians dread a German or a  
Russian occupation the more.

Probably the richer classes fear  
the Russians the more, the poorer  
the Germans. But the majority of  
the Rumanians would wish to resist  
either. And Rumania has the cleav-  
est, most masterful King in Europe,  
determined to pass on his inheritance  
intact to his son, the Crown Prince  
Michael.

(3) Why do Hungary and Italy  
offer Rumania a guarantee? What do  
they want in return? And why does  
this embarrass Rumania?

Because Rumania holds the former  
Hungarian province of Transylvania,  
which she received as a reward for  
coming in on the side of the Allies  
in the last war. Hungary's price  
for a guarantee is the return of  
three-quarters of this territory—and  
if Rumania refuses to pay Hungary  
might invade Transylvania the moment  
Russia invaded Bessarabia.

So it's six of one and half a dozen  
of the other. Rumania may fall  
between two stools.

(4) What is Italy's interest? Mus-  
solini wishes to possess a dominant  
influence in the Balkans. He does  
not want to see Russia encroaching  
upon his neighbours. It is his desire  
and his interest to see the Balkan  
countries united instead of bickering.  
Rumania is Italy's first line of de-  
fence against Russia.

(5) Rumania possesses a province  
on the Black Sea called Dobruja.  
This previously belonged to Bulgaria,  
so Bulgaria has a grievance.

THE country would have the  
will to resist. Would it  
possess the means?

Rumania has a population of about  
10,000,000. Two-thirds of these have  
Rumanian as their native tongue.  
The remaining third of the popula-  
tion comes from very diverse origins.  
There are nearly 2,000,000 Hungari-  
ans; about 1,000,000 Russians, and  
800,000 Germans. For the rest, there  
are Bulgars, Turks, Jews, miscellane-  
ous Slavs, and a few Poles.  
Some of these do not matter. But  
the Hungarians, Russians, Germans  
and Bulgars, though many of them

are loyal enough, must all be ac-  
counted elements of weakness; and  
especially the Germans, who have  
the typical Nazi organisation, with  
every member ready to betray his  
country for the sake of pan-German-  
ism should Hitler decide to strike.

Everybody knows how the German  
minority in Poland conducted espionage  
and helped to disorganise the  
Polish defences. The Rumanian  
Nazis, and their non-German Fascist  
friends in the Iron Guard, would  
follow the German Poles' example.

Her acquisitions have trebled Ru-  
manian's population and vastly in-  
creased her territory and economic  
resources. But naturally each of  
them has created a potential enemy  
in the State which was deprived of  
a province.

RUMANIA could put into the  
field an army of 1,500,000  
men. But these men would not all  
be equally valuable as soldiers.

There would be great differences in  
the quantity and quality of their  
equipment. Vast sums—in propor-  
tion to the national Budget—have  
been spent in recent years on arma-  
ments and equipment. But Ru-  
manian's army remains similar in  
type to Poland's rather than to the  
armies of Germany or the Western  
democracies. Her air force, recently,  
reinforced by British bombers, num-  
bers about 600 machines.

Rumania, too, resembles Poland  
in being an agricultural rather than  
an industrial country. She is not  
sufficiently industrialised to produce  
adequate arms and equipment for  
her forces. She must depend to a  
large extent on outside supplies, and  
without them she would be helpless  
against vast mechanised attacks.

Her resistance, if attacked, must  
depend on how the British and  
French guarantees are fulfilled. To  
give her direct military assistance  
would be extremely difficult—but  
extremely valuable.

The knowledge that any invasion  
of Rumania is almost bound to de-  
velop into a race between Germany  
and Russia for the oilwells may  
deter either from undertaking it.

But if she is attacked there would  
be no better way of enforcing our  
blockade, and so hastening the end  
of the war, than by giving Rumania  
active assistance in denying her re-  
sources to our enemies.







# "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

## PLAY-OFF IN JUNIOR DIVISION

### Indians And Police Tie For Honours: Club de Recreio Fail

THERE WERE TWO VITAL GAMES in the Junior League cricket on Saturday last, and as it turned out a tie has resulted. The Recreio were in a very strong position as they had a very good chance of winning the Shield had they beaten I.R.C. second eleven. The batting on both sides was so weak that a draw was unlikely. A victory would have meant that they had to beat the Army second eleven to win the Shield, and to draw with them to tie with the Police. But they lost.

Police and I.R.C. second have to play off, I presume upon a neutral ground. On the whole, I fancy the chances of the Police, especially if Fay turns out for them.

To deal with the less interesting match first, the Police were all over Craigengower. Pope (04) was unlucky to miss his century, and no less than five other batsmen got double figures, while the innings was declared at 188 for six wickets. Pope having had his share, Lewis proceeded to carry off the bowling honours and his figures of 7.5-1-13-6 speak for themselves. Craigengower were skittled out for 50 of which Hanson made 24, and N. Broadbridge was the only other batsman to get double figures. I regret to learn that Stephens injured his shoulder rather badly in making a sensational catch. He is one of the most enthusiastic cricketers I know and I wish him a speedy recovery.

#### A Close Thing

AT THE RECREIO ground however things were very different, and the result was in doubt up to the last ball. The I.R.C. can thank Razack's steadiness for their win, while the Recreio lost because their bowlers sent down far too many balls on the leg side. Much more than half the total came from there.

I did not arrive in time to see Recreio bat, but at the start of the Indians' innings I thought they were going to have very little trouble. Barma and K. M. Rumsdahl kept very straight bats and proceeded to dig in. However, with fifteen on the board Gutters sent down a beauty which seemed to turn in enough to beat the bat and took Rumsdahl's off stump. Curcum did not last long as he pulled a full toss from Remedios right round to mid-wicket where he was nicely taken by J. E. Noronha. Razack played steadily and again things looked good for the Indians until Barma played a cross bat for the first time in his innings, playing back to Gutters, and was bowled.

It was a sound move of Prata's to shift Gutters to the other end. T. All and A. R. Sumlin went in quick succession, and with five down for thirty-three things seemed to have swung Recreio's way. Scores of 9, 7, and 10 do not sound very epoch-making, but M. A. Abbas, A. R. Makar and A. H. Ismail in making them saved the match, holding on grimly while Razack kept the other end going and collected runs here and there, mostly, as I have said, from leg balls. A. H. Ismail shaped

#### SPORT ADVTs.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 16th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the Secretary upon the personal or written application of a Member. Such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc. The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21220).

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

## "Needle" Soccer Match At Boundary Road To-morrow

(By "Rex")

UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO, South China "A" was assured of the First Division League championship. Their recent unexpected reverses, however, have placed quite a new light on things, and there is much conjecture as to the outcome of the issue.

#### Football Fixtures For The Week

##### To-day

South China "B" vs. Navy (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### To-morrow

Kwong Wah vs. South China "A" (Boundary Rd.), 5 p.m.

##### SECOND DIVISION

R.E. vs. 30th R.A. (second replay for runners-up) (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m.

##### THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. vs. Electric (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### Thursday

South China "A" vs. South China "B" (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### Saturday

Royal Scots vs. St. Joseph (Club), 2.45 p.m.

Middlesex vs. South China "B" (Club), 4.45 p.m.

Kwong Wah vs. Kowloon (Boundary Rd.), 4.45 p.m.

##### Sunday

Champions vs. The Rest of the

#### Tournament Tennis

### RUMJAHN IN SEMI-FINAL

### J. W. Leonard Defeated 6-1, 6-4 In Open Singles Tournament

(By "Tinker")

IN STRAIGHT SETS, and by scores of 6-1, 6-4, S. A. Rumjahn entered the semi-finals of the Hongkong Open Tennis Singles Tournament at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, eliminating J. W. Leonard. It was a game of few thrills.

After winning the first set in a way that made him appear far and away the more superior player, S. A. Rumjahn ran into a 6-1 lead in the second set before Leonard staged a very fine recovery and determined effort to take that set, at least. It was not a case of Rumjahn having relaxed so much as Leonard commenced showing control over his shots.

For five games in this second set, the spectators were treated to a better kind of tennis. Both employed the top-spin, but Rumjahn brought out a surprisingly strong and accurate backhand. His shots from that side frequently found the far back corner of the court, and with the surface of the court somewhat slippery, these shots were hard to return. Leonard was trapped into presenting the easiest of kills at the net.

AS FAR AS I could count, only two jobs were used in the whole match. Both were by Rumjahn. Leonard showed a definite preference for the baseline, but it was not until late that he showed anything like control of direction. His service was pitifully weak.

Rumjahn was the more agile of the two. He jumped up to the net as often as he could. The smash, too, found little favour with either player. Rumjahn gained all his points at the net by tucking them away in inaccessible corners.

He will now meet his cousin, H. D. Rumjahn in the semi-final.

#### Club Championships

M. PAGH entered the final of the Club Singles Championship by beating J. M. MacDougall by 6-1, 7-5, and will now meet B. C. Fay for the title.

#### To-day's Match

In the Open Singles quarterfinal to-day, Tsui Yun-pui meets Tennis Kwok on the Stand Court.

### STONECUTTER'S SHOOT SPOILED BY WEATHER

There was a very small attendance at Hongkong Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot at Stonecutters Range on Saturday. The Dockyard Rifle Club will hold their annual rifle meeting on the Stonecutters Range next Saturday, April 20.

#### SATURDAY'S SCORES

Aperture	Sights	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	Total
S.L. (R)	A. C. Chan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	62
W. K. Gillman	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	62
S.L. (R)	C. C. Chau	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	62
W. K. Gillman	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	62
H. F. Oldreive	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	62
E. J. Mitchell	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	62
A. J. Hackett	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	62
A. J. Hackett	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	62
P. C. Rymond	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	62
P. C. Rymond	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	62
R. N. Medhurst	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	62
E. Jones	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	62
Cpl. F. Cole	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	62
Sgt. R. Hoop	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	62
Mrs. B. Jeffery	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	62
R. J. Johnson	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	62
S. Pang	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	62
G. H. Fox	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	62
H. F. Oldreive	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	62
G. W. Deacon	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	62
W. J. Hackett	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	62
W. J. Hackett	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	62
W. J. Hackett	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	62
W. J. Hackett	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	62
W. J. Hackett	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	62
W. J. Hackett	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	62
W. J. Hackett	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	62
W. J. Hackett	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	62
W. J. Hackett	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	62
W. J. Hackett	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	62
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W. J. Hackett	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	62
W. J. Hackett	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	62
W. J. Hackett	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	62
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## NINE RECORDS BROKEN AT WAH YAN COLLEGE ANNUAL SPORTS

NINE RECORDS were broken and two equalled at the Wah Yan College Annual athletic sports meeting held at Caroline Hill yesterday. These were in the hop-step-and-jump (A grade), the shot-put (A and C grades), 100 metres (B grade), 200 metres (B grade), 400 metres (B grade), 800 metres (B grade), the high jump (A grade) and the 80 metres low hurdles (C grade). The records equalled were in the 100 metres (A grade) and the long jump (B grade).

In topping the bar at 5 feet 7½ inches in the high jump, Fong Chi-hung equalled the inter-School record.

The results were: Hop-Step-and-Jump (A grade)—1. Wan Koi-hung (Red); 2. Fong Chi-hung (Green); 3. Chung Shiu-lai (Brown). Distance, 41 ft. 4 1/2 ins. (Record).

Shot-put (A grade)—1. Wan Koi-hung (Red); 2. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 3. Lau Wing-tse (White). Distance, 39 ft. 2 1/2 ins. (Record).

Long Jump (C grade)—1. Cheong Chok-tang (Red); 2. Wan Koi-hung (Red); 3. Lai Chung-yin (Blue). Distance, 30 ft. 10 1/2 ins. (Record).

Long Jump (B grade)—1. Wan Koi-hung (Red); 2. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 3. Lau Wing-tse (White). Distance, 30 ft. 10 1/2 ins. (Record).

High Jump (C grade)—1. Au Chio-tim (Purple); 2. Jackie Yip (Green); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Height, 5 ft. 7 1/2 ins. (Record).

Putting the Shot (C grade)—1. Cheong Chok-tang (Red); 2. Cheong Bing-hong (White); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Distance, 30 ft. 10 1/2 ins. (Record).

100 metres (A grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-long (Yellow); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 11 4/5 secs. (Record).

200 metres (B grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-long (Yellow); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 24 3/5 secs. (Record).

400 metres (B grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-long (Yellow); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 50 3/5 secs. (Record).

800 metres (B grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-long (Yellow); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 2 min. 10 secs. (Record).

1600 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Kim-hing (Yellow); 2. P. Chalmers (Red); 3. Tsui Man-cheong (Brown). Time, 6 mins. 7 1/5 secs. (Record).

200 metres (C grade)—1. Fan Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Wan Koi-hung (Red); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 20 3/5 secs. (Record).

100 metres (D grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-long (Yellow); 3. Cheong Chok-tang (Red). Time, 14 3/5 secs. (Record).

50 metres (Open to Wah Yan College)—1. Fung Chio-tak; 2. Ip Kam-wah. Time, 14 1/5 secs. (Open to servants of Wah Yan College).—1. Wong Fuk; 2. Tam Cheuk-yan.

200 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 24 3/5 secs. (Record).

400 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 50 3/5 secs. (Record).

800 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 2 min. 10 secs. (Record).

1600 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 6 mins. 7 1/5 secs. (Record).

3200 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 13 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

6400 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 27 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

12800 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 54 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

25600 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 1 hr. 8 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

51200 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 2 hr. 16 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

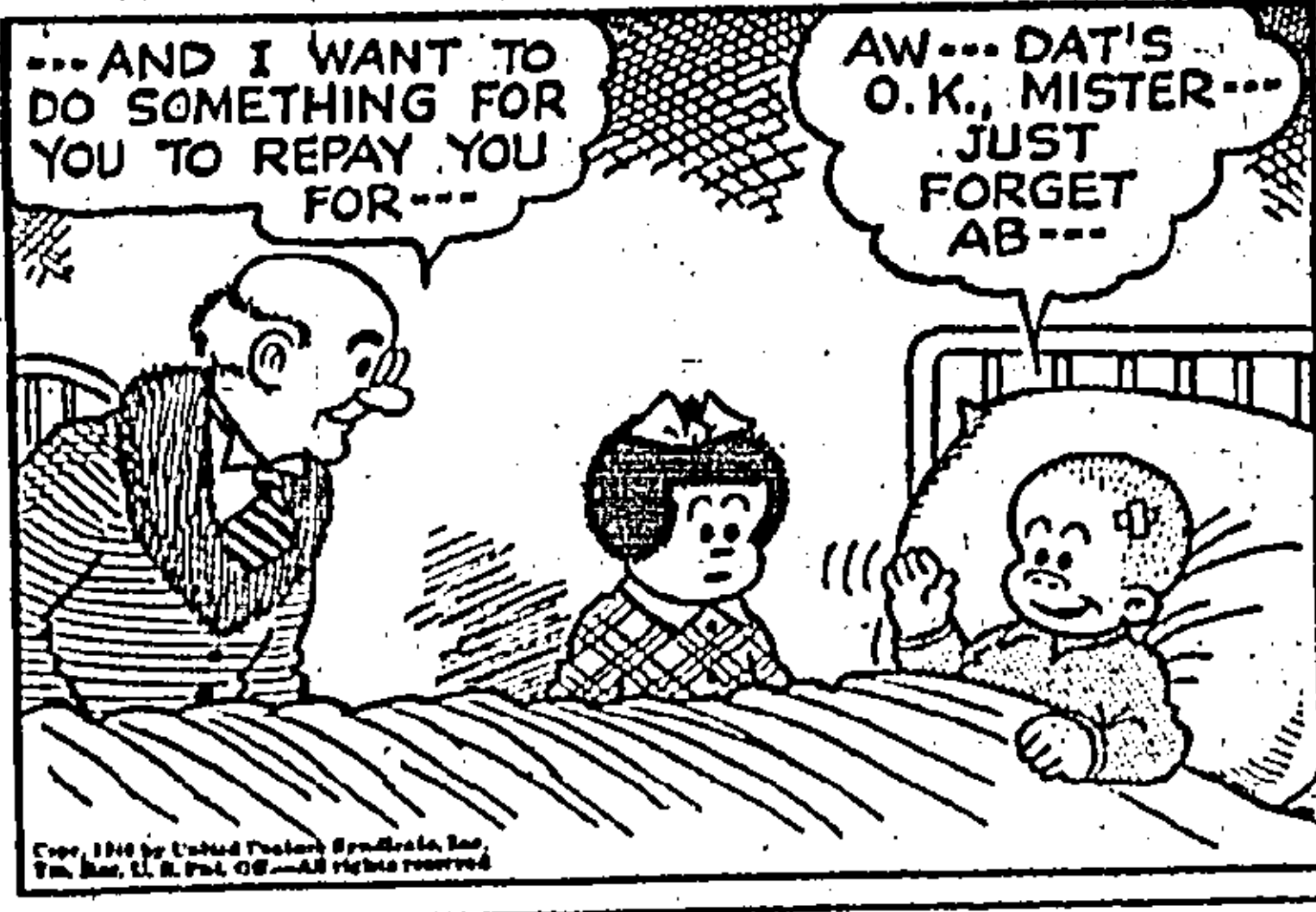
102400 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 5 hr. 32 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

204800 metres (A grade)—1. Fung Chiu-hung (Green); 2. Yung Sze-yee (Brown); 3. Wan Koi-hung (Red). Time, 11 hr. 4 mins. 10 secs. (Record).

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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Careless Gossip May Have Sealed Fate of the Sultan Star

## The Enemy Inside Britain

### Nazi Ears Wide Open for Secrets Revealed in Casual Chatter

THE ENEMY inside Britain is on the alert with wide-open ears for secrets revealed in careless gossip. The Government has warned the nation of the dangers of what might be serious leakages of vital information.

Here, Alfred W. Ewing, son of Sir Alfred Ewing, famous chief of Room 40 O.B. (the Admiralty's secret deciphering department in the last war), tells how a chance remark can change the whole course of a war.

By ALFRED W. EWING

THOUSANDS of loyal British men and women are doing their best to help Germany win the war.

They are not deliberate traitors. They are the careless talkers, the gossipers who prattle in public of official secrets. They talk openly because they think there is no danger in this country.

But the most dangerous of all Nazi arms is right here in Britain. It is the "Fifth Column" of Nazi sympathisers, of secret agents, of paid and unpaid helpers of Germany and Russia.

#### What Gossip Cost Germany

If you think a few careless words do not matter, and that too much fuss is being made of the anti-gossip campaign organised by the Government, just consider these tremendous events of the last war:

A casual word led to the discovery of a gigantic plot which brought America into the war.

Indiscretion by one or two Germans cost them the battleship Blucher in 1918.

One instance of carelessness with confidential papers put German code books into our possession and enabled us to decipher messages of the German Government and High Command throughout the war.

EVERY ONE OF US MUST PUT A BRIDLE ON HIS TONGUE AND PADLOCK HIS LIPS—EVERY TITTLE OF NEWS ABOUT MEN, TROOPS, FACTORIES, SHIPS, TIMES OF SAILING, UNITS, PRICES, TYPES OF EQUIPMENT... IS VALUABLE TO THE ENEMY.

#### A Scot Who Kept Mum

My father, a shrewd Scot, well knew the importance of keeping a secret. He even kept the nature of his work secret from me, his son.

Not until 1925, seven years after the Armistice, was it publicly revealed that he was the man in charge of Room 40 O.B.

Not by so much as a hint did he tell me what he was doing at the Admiralty. While I was on active service he once wrote to me: "I can't tell you anything about my work just now. When the war is over there will be much to tell. Meanwhile, one can at least feel that it is useful in a quiet way."

It has been suggested that the sinking of the Sultan Star the other day was the direct result of careless chatter by members of the public who had inside information.

At Plymouth last week Lady Astor said: "Suppose that through some carelessness the Germans had got to know the exact time that the Exeter was coming. I have heard from people, some distance from Plymouth, who knew two days before that the Exeter was coming. I think it is criminal."

It was criminal. Just how criminal and dangerous may be judged by the experience of my father.

He was in charge of the secret deciphering department at the Admiralty. His main work was the decoding of wireless messages. His greatest helpers were the Germans and the German agents who could not keep their mouths shut.

For example, there was the sinking of the Blucher.

TALK PICKED UP IN GERMANY BY BRITISH SECRET AGENTS GAVE THE FIRST HINT THAT THE GERMAN FLEET WAS ABOUT TO MOVE.

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#### Plot Exposed

Mr. Winston Churchill read the deciphered messages. Orders were flashed immediately to Admiral Jellicoe with the Grand Fleet, to Admiral Beatty with the battle-cruisers, to Commodore Tyrwhitt with the light cruisers and destroyers.

The result was the victory of the Dogger Bank.

Careless talk brought America into the war on the side of the Allies.

In this way.

The German Minister in Mexico had a chat with the Swedish Minister in that country. There was much talk of high politics.

and the Swedish Minister was promised a German order. But somebody else heard about that.

This leakage of information led to further examination of the German Minister's activities. Gossip led to suspicion and investigation.

A German plot was exposed. Germany was making an offer to Mexico for an alliance against the United States.

Room 40 O.B. published its discovery... and American opinion, swayed by indignation and fury, swept that country into the war against Germany.

#### Thousands Stormed Doors To Hear His Brother: Then—

## HE INVENTED THE THEATRE QUEUE

SEVENTYSEVEN-YEAR-OLD Mr. Charles Ingle—brother of the great Albert Chevalier and the man who invented the theatre queue and composed the music-hall star's songs—has died at his home at Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr. Ingle, whose real name was August Chevalier, wrote the music of "My Old Dutch" and "Knocked 'Em in the Old Kent Road."

He used to recall how, when his brother sang "My Old Dutch," husbands and wives in the audience would put their arms around one another, so affected were they by the sentiments of the song.

Albert Chevalier made his first hit in 1891, and from 1893 to 1914, with Mr. Ingle as his manager, he covered the whole of the country in six-month tours of one-night shows, giving recitals in cities, towns and villages.

"Stand in A Line" This is how Mr. Ingle invented the theatre queue. Great crowds always flocked to see Albert Chevalier, and at Cardiff Mr. Ingle asked the police to get the crowd to "stand in a line" and take their turn. The police lined them in a three abreast queue.

That was after an experience in Edinburgh where, in the largest hall, about 7,000 people stormed the doors, knocking the police down and smashing glass panels. Hats, stockings, coats and shirts were torn off in the struggle.

Mr. Ingle's son, Albert Chevalier, keeps his uncle's name alive on the halls.

WOODEN PLANES ARE ON ORDER

Use of wooden airplanes for training in the R.A.F. is suggested by the placing of an order for 250 machines with a London furniture manufacturer.

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#### BIG HOLLYWOOD FORTUNES FOR FILM AUTHORS

Film companies paid over £182,000 to authors for screen rights to published novels in 1939, according to a Hollywood studio estimate.

"The Grapes of Wrath" drew £17,500 for its author, John Steinbeck. Two other books, "Escape" and "Tree of Liberty," netted £15,000 and £13,750 respectively for their creators.

Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca" was said to have cost £12,500 to the studio. So, also, did "All This and Heaven, Too" and "Disputed Passage."

But none of them can touch the M.G.M. deal for General Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur." The studio bought this story on a deal allowing the copyright owner 50 per cent. of the film's gross takings. It brought them nearly £500,000.

## THREE SONS IN ARMY (Her Home Is Saved)

A WOMAN carrying a baby walked into Swansea County Court recently.

She was late, and it was explained to her that an order for possession of her house in 28 days had been made in default.

Possession of the house had been sought by Swansea Corporation on the ground that the tenant owed £18 rent.

Another case was being heard when the woman arrived. "The boys are gone," she told the judge.

"I could pay when they were home, but now they are in the Army." Turning to the solicitor, Judge Frank Davies said:—

"I am not going to make an order if that is the case."

"She should have one chance with one son in the Army—with three sons, she is perhaps entitled to three chances."

The Corporation withdrew the application on the woman undertaking to pay the current rent.

#### ENGINEER'S LECTURE

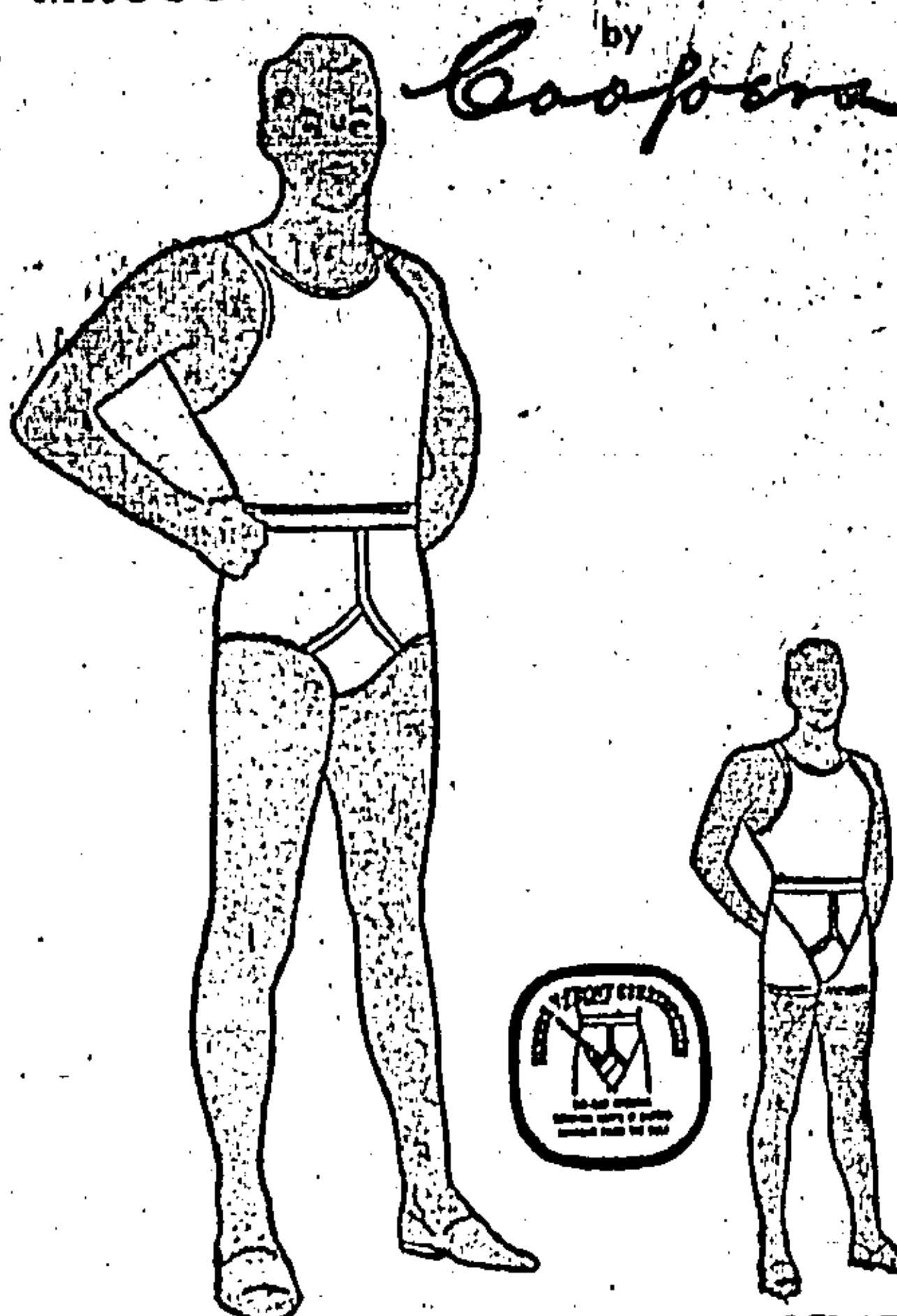
Modern Building Methods By Mr. H. Braga

A lecture was delivered before the University Engineering Society last night on modern methods of building construction by Mr. H. Braga, General Works Manager of the Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd.

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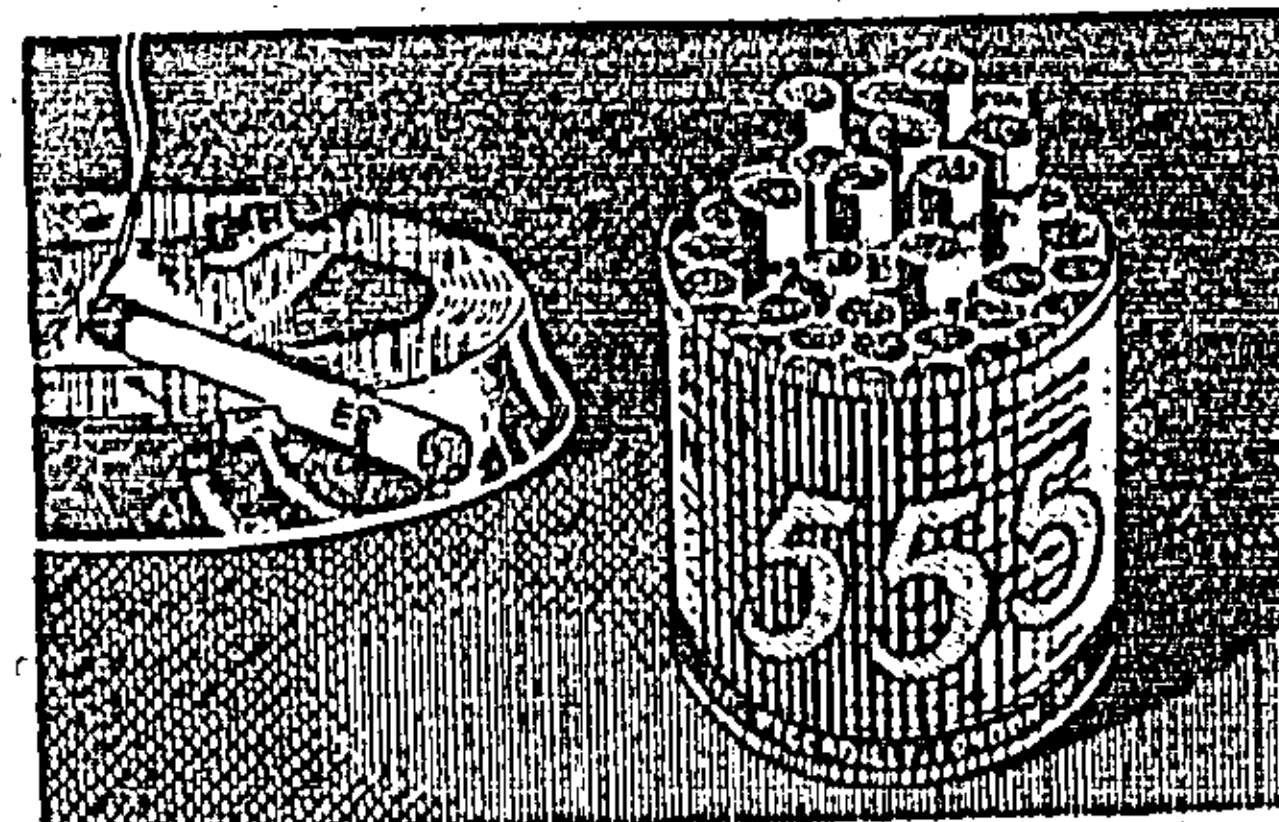
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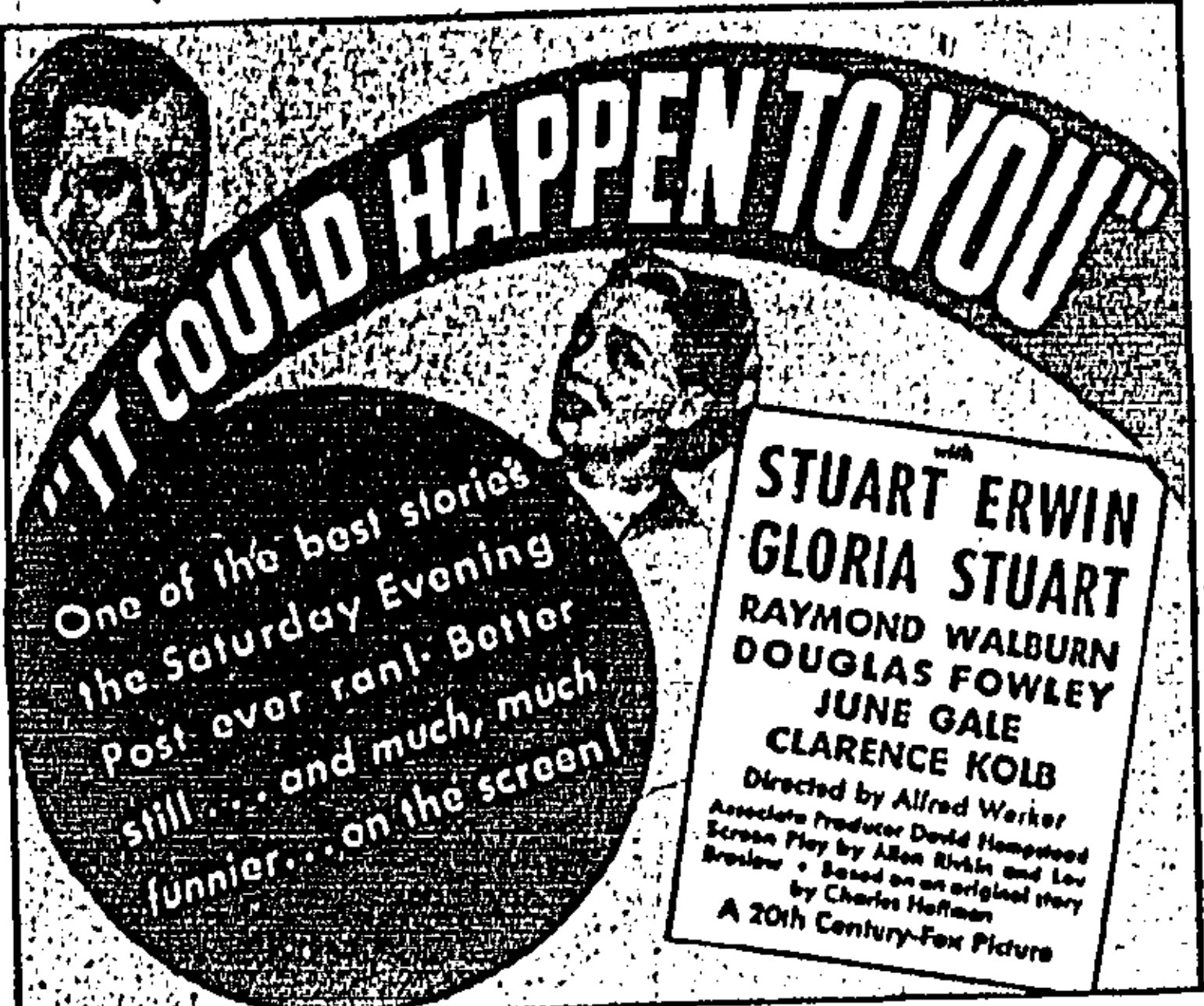
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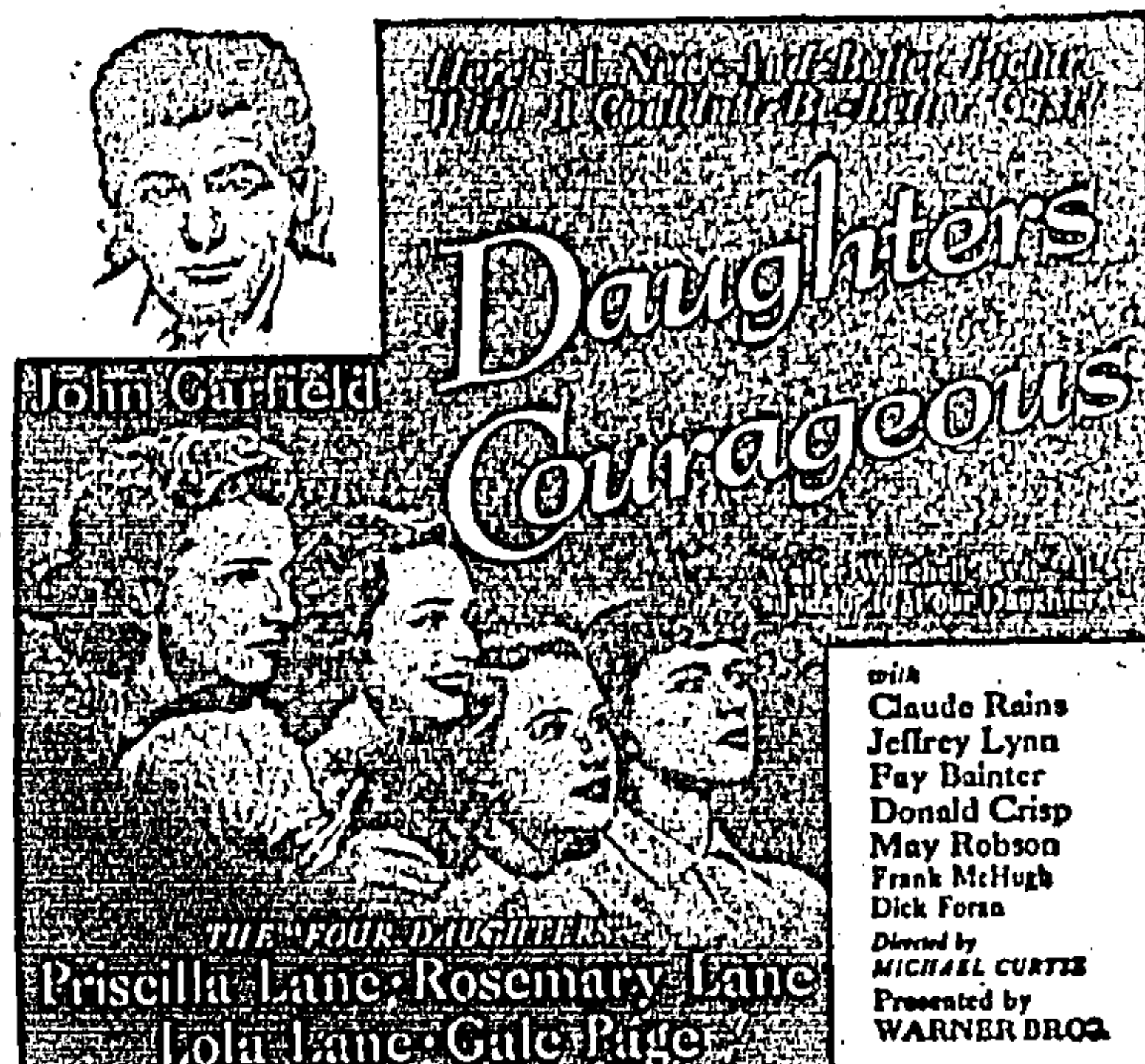
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## HUMOUR IN THE TRENCHES

LONDON.  
Many brave new journals with names more original than any Fleet-street ever thought of, were conceived and produced by men on the various fronts, and at sea, in the Great War.

There were, for instance, the "C's Fire," the "Minor Offence," the "Jackdaw," the "Balm's Gazette," the "Con Camp Courier," the "Dagger," the "Pow Wow," the "Sub Rosa" and a hundred others. Some were duplicated hand-written sheets, some were typewritten and others were printed.

But common to each of these journals was that it satisfied the average Briton's incurable craving to "see it in print"; that it informed and entertained, and that it reflected a magnificent and continued cheerfulness, optimism, and determination in the face of danger and privation.

There is a fascinating collection of examples of the trench journalism of 1914-18 at the Imperial War Museum in London, and they are anxious to secure as complete a file as possible of the newspapers and magazines by and for men of the forces which, they feel certain, will appear in this war (writes a correspondent of "The Times"). Accordingly, editors of "The Times," "The Daily Mail," "The Daily Express," and the rest are asked to be good enough to send along copies to the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth-road, S.E.

### Editorial Humour

The Press magnates of the old Western Front and other theatres of war set a high standard for their successors of to-day. There was, for instance, the "Wipers Times," which, more than once surviving destruction of its plant by enemy shell, ran on from 1915 for rather longer than the war itself. During this time it knew frequent changes not only of location, but of name, so that finally it was called "The Better Times." With which the War Department was in the "Wipers Times," The New Church Times, The Ypres Times, The Somme Times and The B.E.F. Times.

Looking through old copies of this cheerful and peppy production, it was easy to understand why after the war Lord Plumer paid a warm tribute to its value in maintaining the wonderful spirit of cheerfulness shown at all times by the troops on the Ypres salient.

Hinting at the difficulties of newspaper production under a continuous artillery barrage in their first number, the editors (Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Roberts and Major J. H. Pearson) asked to be excused shortcomings on the grounds of inexperience and the fact that pieces of metal of various sizes had punctured their press. They threatened to treat as an unfriendly act hampering "attention" by our local rival, Messrs. Hun and Co.

### Agony Column

Their newspaper has all the essential features. There is the Agony Column—"Will any patriotic person please lend a yacht and £10,000 to a lover of peace? Size of yacht immaterial. Address Lonely Soldier, care of Editor." There is readers' correspondence, with the inevitable first eliminator to hearing the cue, and this provokes a fierce controversy in succeeding issues.

Another letter runs: "Sir—May I draw your attention to the fact that lately the lighting by night in Oxford-street and Regent-street has been sent up at very irregular intervals. Cannot someone move in the matter?—Pro Bono Publico." Another correspondent, provoked probably by an abundance of shell holes, writes chiding the City Fathers for the disgraceful state of repair of the roads.

But there is much more than readers' correspondence. The paper announces a great insurance scheme, with a backing of ten million (what,

## Disaster To All Owners SERAJEVO CAR HOODOO LASTS FOR 25 YEARS

BELGRADE.

THE motorcar in which the last war began is lying derelict in a breaker's yard in Belgrade.

It is the car in which the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir-apparent to the throne of Austria, and his wife were shot dead by the assassin Princip, 25 years ago as they drove through the streets of Sarajevo.

## LATE NEWS

Ever since then this German-made car has brought death and disaster to its owners.

For several months after the assassination it lay in a garage. Then the Governor of Sarajevo, General Potiorek, who was riding in the car when the Archduke and his wife were killed, and who narrowly escaped death then, had it repaired for his own use.

Its cushions were recovered, the holes where the pistol shots had pierced the coach-work were sealed. A few days later the Governor went into battle for his country, and was defeated. The shame drove him mad, and he died penniless in a lunatic asylum. The car passed into the hands of an Austrian officer. On two successive days it killed people on the roads, and soon afterwards its owner was killed when the car struck a pylon.

Two more owners were killed while driving the car. After that it was laid up again.

### Lost An Arm

After the armistice, when Bosnia became Yugoslav territory, the new Governor of Sarajevo acquired the car, which had been given a new coat of paint.

After being involved in four accidents, in one of which he lost an arm, he sold it to a doctor.

Six months later, the doctor was called to an urgent case in the country. He never got there. The car was found overturned with the doctor's body lying 50 feet away. The doctor's patient died. The car was towed to a garage, repaired, and sold to a wealthy landowner. Within six months he became bankrupt and committed suicide.

His executors sold the car to a business man. A week later, in a collision, he killed two people and injured four passengers he was carrying. Again the car passed into the hands of a doctor. When he was warned, he sold it at a ridiculously low figure to a garage proprietor, who re-sold it to a Swiss racing motorist, Bluntli.

### Crash On Mountain

Bluntli used it as a publicity medium, boasted that it was the car of an ex-emperor, scoffed at his friends who reminded him of its evil associations. One day he left with his family in the car for a holiday in the Dolomites. The car struck another as it was mounting a precipitous mountain road and hurled it into a ravine hundreds of feet below. Bluntli was killed.

Five more times it changed hands, and each of its new owners or their friends met sudden death. Eventually it found its way to another garage, where it was repaired.

A foreigner staying in the town saw it one day and bought it. Some weeks later he was driving it to his wedding, with his bride-to-be sitting next to him and five guests in the rear seats.

Even as he was entertaining the passengers with the story of his chequered career, the car skidded on a bend of the road and overturned. The entire wedding party were killed.

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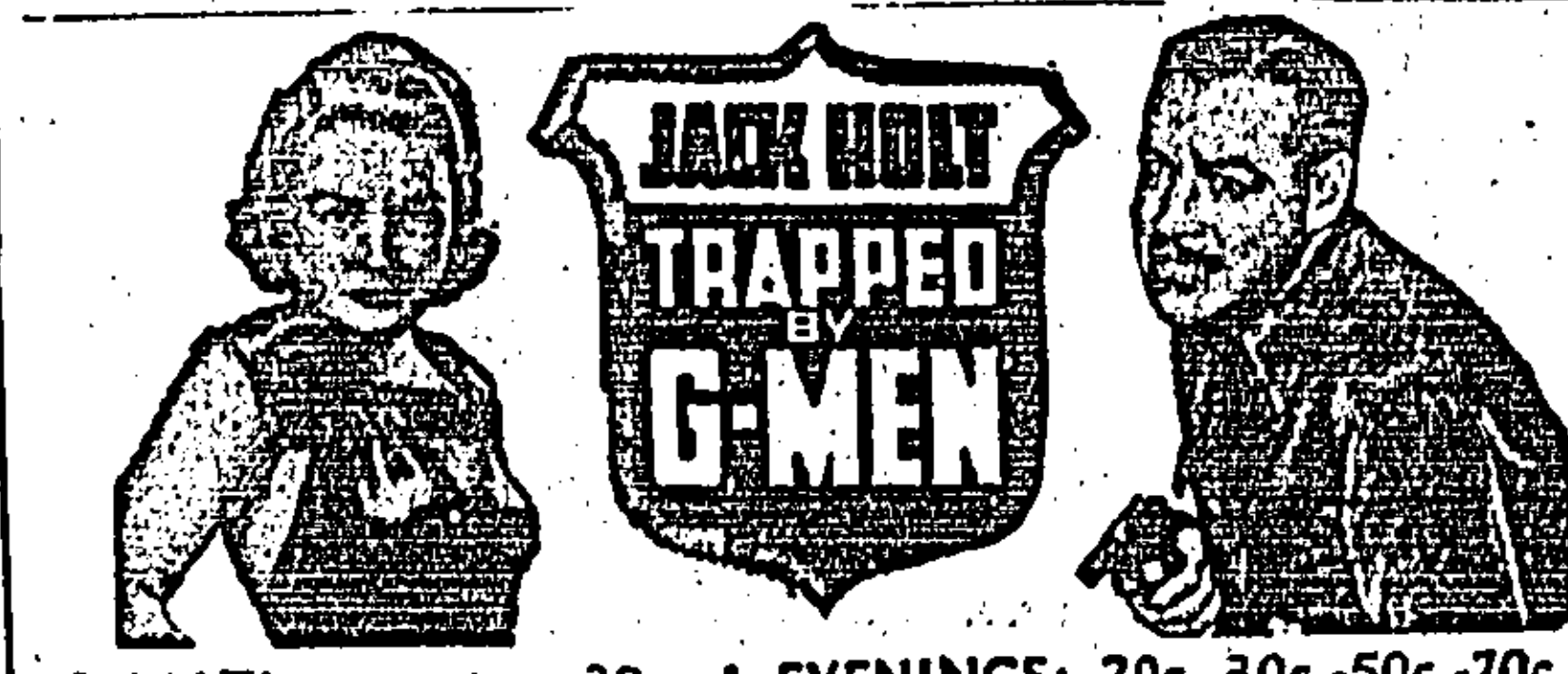
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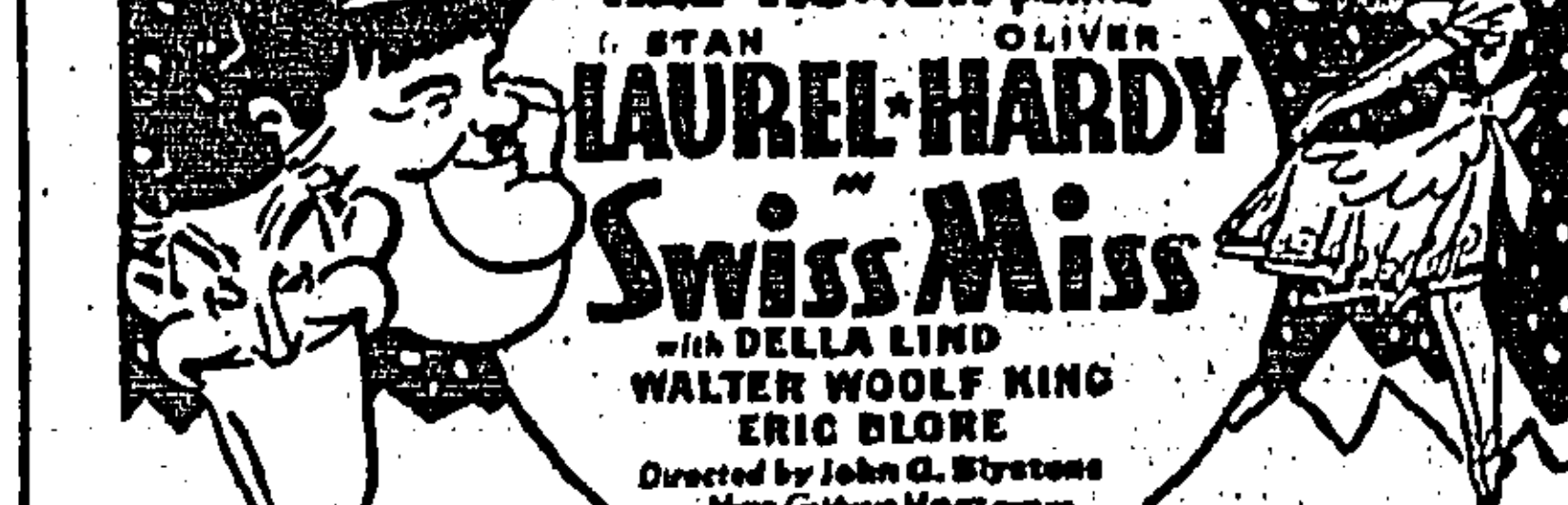


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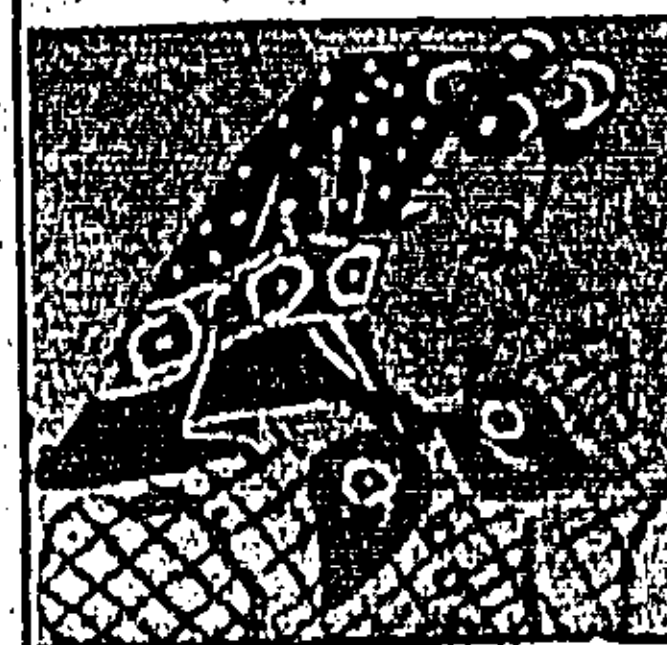
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## B. E. F. LANDING AT SEVERAL POINTS ON NORWEGIAN COAST

### NORWAY AS BASE FOR AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 15 (UP).—Authorized Nazi quarters unequivocally declared to-day that Germany will henceforth use the Norwegian coast as a base for aerial and U-Boat attacks on the British Isles.

The continued British naval and air attacks on Narvik, Bergen and Stavanger "have released Germany finally from the guarantee, given to the Norwegian and Danish governments at the time of the invasion, not to use their countries as bases for an offensive", it is declared.

### BRITAIN READY

Big Black-out To-night To Meet Nazi Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, April 16 (UP).—Coincident with the German threats of an aerial Blitzkrieg on Britain from Norwegian bases, the A.R.P. authorities have issued drastic instructions to the police to tighten up the blackout to-night.

It is significant that to-day's warning is the second conveyed by Hitler within four days. Last Friday, Berlin warned that Germany would retaliate for the alleged British bombing of a railway station in Schleswig-Holstein.

Intensified Precautions  
A.R.P. precautions have been intensified everywhere since the German invasions of Norway and Denmark.

The balloon barrages have been substantially increased, and A.R.P. gas and fire squads have redoubled their drill.

Police are now most alert in halting pedestrians with torch-lights and the Ministry of Health has urged hospitals to recruit volunteer stretcher-bearers.

A new blackout campaign started on Sunday night, when specially assigned police visited hundreds of homes, warning against permitting any light whatever.

No Excuses Accepted  
The authorities have become hardened to all excuses and have warned that substantial fines will in future be imposed on any blackout offenders. Police stated to-day that the chief offenders were in the Mayfair and Kensington residential areas.

To-night's blackout starts at 8.20 p.m.

All Sweden To Black Out  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 16 (UP).—The King of Sweden has signed a decree extending official air raid precautions to the whole of Sweden from to-day.

As from to-night, a complete blackout will exist throughout the country.

### TWO MORE NAZI SHIPS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that British submarines have apparently sunk another two German transports in the Skagerrak.

The transports were torpedoed in a daring attack on a German convoy. Four torpedoes found their mark.

### Women Poisoned

Yik Suk-hi and Ng Kwan-hin, both multi-tails, living at 10, Yin Po Song Street, have been admitted to hospital suffering from the effects of poisoning, believed to have been self-administered.



PANORAMA OF BERGEN and harbour. In the distant background, at left point, is Kvarven, the main fortification at the entrance to the harbour, which the Germans are now believed to be manning. The present fate of the city itself is unknown.

### NAZIS REDUCED TO

1 Battle-Cruiser  
1 Pocket Battleship  
1 Light Cruiser

11 Destroyers  
Half The Number  
Of U-Boats

LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—Now that more detailed reports are available of the naval action in Norwegian waters, it is possible to give a fair estimate of what part of the German fleet, as it existed at the beginning of the war, is now left capable of action.

Authoritative London naval circles express the opinion that the effective strength of the German fleet consists of one battle cruiser, possibly one pocket battleship, one light cruiser, 11 destroyers and half the number of U-boats.

Of her two battle-cruisers, the Gneisenau has been claimed as sunk by the Norwegians, and the Scharnhorst was seriously damaged by the Renown.

With the Graf Spee scuttled and the Admiral Scheer torpedoed, there is only the Deutschland left of the pocket battleships, and she has suddenly become the Lutzow, leaving her former name to be given to one of the new battleships recently launched.

At the time of the announcement, the German practice of handing on the names of sunken ships to new vessels was recalled.

How Ships Have Been Lost  
Of the two heavy cruisers, one, later announced by the German Command as the Blücher, has been sunk, but it is thought that this announcement was probably made to cover the loss of the Gneisenau and the Blücher or another "Hipper" class vessel which has been sunk as well.

One light cruiser was sunk by the Urafin in December; one was hit by a torpedo from the Salmon in the same month in circumstances which raised a strong presumption that she sank; one was sunk by a submarine on April 9; one was hit by a bomb off Bergen on April 10 and one was hit by three bombs on April 10, leaving probably one of this type still serviceable.

11 Destroyers Sunk  
Germany had 22 destroyers, of which 11 definitely have been sunk.

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### Why Hitler Invaded Scandinavia

Inside Story Revealed By Dr. Rauschning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 15 (UP).—Hitler's invasion of Denmark and Norway had a two-fold objective, in the opinion of Herr Hermann Rauschning, former President of the Danzig Senate and author of the well-known book "Hitler Told Me."

Firstly, he believes, it is Hitler's aim to guard the iron ore supply from Sweden.

Secondly, he wishes to secure favourable U-Boat and aerial bases to permit him to carry out a massive attack against the United Kingdom.

Invasion Of England

"An invasion of England does not lie outside the strategic plan of the German High Command," Herr Rauschning declared.

"Geering personally intimated to me before the war that he was prepared, in case of extreme necessity, to use and sacrifice Germany's entire air force in an effort to permit an army of occupation to invade England," he added.

"The attempt to secure operational bases in Norway is an attempt to realise this German plan."

"The plan will be preceded by the occupation of Sweden, which may well occur within the next few days."

Russia Unpredictable

Whether Soviet Russia will play a part is unpredictable, Herr Rauschning said.

"I suppose, however, Russia will take advantage of the opportunity Hitler's invasion of Scandinavia presents to try and secure access to the Atlantic."

"It is conceivable that there will be Russo-German co-operation within the framework of a prior military alliance."

"If Russia does co-operate with Germany she will, in all probability, make a simultaneous invasion of all the Baltic States—Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Finland."

### Italy Hints Entry Into War Soon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—"Italy only awaits a favourable opportunity," declares the newspaper "Der Angriff."

"That moment is now much nearer."

The German newspaper was referring to the radio broadcast by Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of Ciano's organ, the "Telegrafo," in which he referred directly to the possibility of Italy soon entering the war.

### Danish Ship Ignores Nazi Instructions

Arrives In Hongkong For Protection

IGNORING Nazi instructions from Copenhagen to remain in a neutral port, the 6,000-ton Danish motor-vessel Panama arrived in Hongkong early this morning to place herself at the disposal of the British naval authorities.

This action on the part of the Master of the Panama is taken to indicate that the Danish ship-owners or their agents and Masters in Far Eastern waters have no intention of aiding the German occupation of Denmark by tying up their ships.

The Panama was safe in Manila when the Germans invaded Denmark.

She left Manila on Sunday for an unknown destination. Rumours on the Manila waterfront stated that she would attempt to run to the United States for safety.

Indignant Denial

When these rumours were conveyed to the Master of the Panama he sent an indignant radio denial to Hongkong, stating that he was en route to the British Colony as per schedule.

The Panama is one of 25 ships of the East Asiatic Line, one of the biggest shipping lines in the Danish registry.

Arrival in Hongkong of this vessel is believed here to indicate that many other Danish and Norwegian ships will follow suit.

It is estimated that there are approximately 70 Danish and Norwegian ships on the China coast. The aggregate is over 30,000 tons.

### HITLER KNEW OF BIG CONVOY, WAS IMPOTENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 15 (UP).—THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS LANDED AT SEVERAL POINTS IN NORWAY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The number of troops and the locations at which they have effected landings are not specified in the official communiques.

It is believed, however, that landings were made at Trondheim, Bergen, Namsos and Narvik.

Mr. Chamberlain will make a full statement on the operations when he addresses the House of Commons to-morrow.

It is understood that the German High Command knew on Sunday that heavy British forces were on the High Seas. However, the German Navy was impotent to act against the heavily guarded British troop convoys.

It is certain that the British troops have safely disembarked at all points, as no official announcement of the landings would have been issued beforehand.

TEN-WORD COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—So far the only news about the British landing in Norway has been contained in ten words of a joint Admiralty and War Office communique.

The communique reads: "British troops have now landed at several points in Norway."

This, however, is sufficient to show that in addition to their brilliant feats at Narvik the Allied operations have been far more widespread.

Besides Narvik, the towns seized by the Germans included Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim, on the west coast and Oslo.

The British troops may or may not have been landed at the same points. The communique is the first definite news that we are receiving our pledge to help Norway with all our resources.

Britain's Pledge

That pledge, which was given by His Majesty the King and the Prime Minister, was given a fresh point in a message broadcast by the B.B.C. on Sunday night by British and Norwegian trade union leaders.

"The British soldiers are coming to assist the gallant Norwegian people," the message read. "Help them by every means in your power. If you know where the Germans are, tell the British. If they require food, feed them. If they require shelter, give it to them. If a soldier wants a lift, take him to his destination. Pass on the word to as many people as possible."

Allied Task Easier

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—While everyone is anxiously waiting for more news about the British troops in Norway, semi-official circles here point out that the landing of an army far from home in such wild country which the enemy are already holding are the chief points in a very hazardous enterprise.

Without his command of the seas, Hitler may well find it to be a suicidal enterprise.

In that respect the Allied task is easier.

Against that, however, the British troops will probably find stronger opposition from the Germans than the latter did, for the Norwegians, in addition to being taken by surprise, also found internal foes.

Furthermore, the British troops are liable to attacks from the air, a danger which comes not only from Germany but also from the German air base in Norway itself.

Here the Royal Air Force is once more proving its value as shown in the attacks on Stavanger aerodrome.

German Claim

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A claim that the British have touched Norwegian soil "at points occupied by German troops" is made in a

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### War Without Scruples

Is Hitler's Dictum

GENEVA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sensational utterances by Hitler to Professor Burckhardt, the League Commissioner for Danzig, are the feature of Professor Burckhardt's report to the League just published. On August 14 last, Hitler told Professor Burckhardt that he would not wage war like the Kaiser, "who always had scruples regarding the application of all the means at his disposal."

Hitler said that he was certain that he could count on Italian and Japanese alliances.

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## ENTERTAINMENTS

### 'CHIPS' SWEETHEARTS TO TEAM AGAIN

THE film folk are going nuts on classical music. And what they think is classical music. If it isn't Chopin, it's Schumann. If it isn't Beethoven, it's Brahms. I wouldn't be surprised if they got around to dear old Schubert again, the rate they're going.

Latest story to hand is that Louis B. Mayer in Hollywood plans to team again the famous stars of "Mr. Chips"—Robert Donat and Greer Garson.

The film they are to do is to be called "Song of Love." It is the love story of Clara and Robert Schumann. Theirs was a great love story, coloured at the end by tragedy, for Schumann went mad.

THEY plan that Robert Taylor shall be in the picture, too. He is to play Brahms. Now, Brahms was a crochety, bibulous, ugly, portly and small. He was rude unless he wanted to be charming, which was rarely. I think, apart from that, Robert Taylor is pretty good casting.

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NOTHING recently seems to have been heard of Mr. Mayer's previous brain-wave, which was to make a film of the song "The Rosary," with Myrna Loy, Clark Gable and William Powell.

I'm wondering when somebody will decide to do Handel's Largo, with Dorothy Lamour.

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BIGGEST laughs that have been heard in cinemas since war broke out have been caused by a little American programme picture—a sort of Junior Hardy family picture, with William Frawley as the exasperated pop. Film is called, "Stop, Look and Love."

And are the following faces red—Crazy Gann, George Formby, Will Hay, Lucan McShane, Askey, Murdoch, Moore Marriott.

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"SCATTERBRAIN" is Britain's top song just now.

Richard Greene—Virginia Fields, who announced that they would marry in Hollywood this month, now say they have decided to wait a year.

"White Horse Inn" will be revived at the London Coliseum.

Another revival will be the famous wartime thriller serial "The Exploits of Elaine." But only if they can find just the gal to be another Pearl White.

Looks like Charles Laughton is settled in California for good. His next film will be "Half a Rogue," whimsical story of a London bartender who is mistaken for the father of a Hollywood star.

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REMEMBER Paulette Goddard was announced as Scarlett in "Gone With the Wind," withdrew by agreement, and was replaced by Vivien Leigh?

A blow for any girl. But Paulette, once famous as a Charlie Chaplin leading lady, is now busy making herself into a star.

"No Scarlett," she said. "All right. But I'm going to be Loupette." She is. What's more, she put in for the part unasked.

Loupette the fiery French-Canadian girl in Cecil B. de Mille's Technicolour production "North-West Mounted Police" is one of the most sought-after feminine parts since "G.W.T.W."

So Paulette shares starrer honours with Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Robert Preston and Aida Turturro.

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SHE had a hard struggle. De Mille wasn't interested.

"You don't quite look the part," he told her.

So Paulette had herself made up as Loupette, complete with bullwhip.

De Mille shook his head: "This part calls for acting, for accent, for fire," he said. "It needs a Lenore Ulrich."

Paulette called up Samuel Kayser, noted acting coach. She learnt the part, mastering the French-Canadian dialect.

She caught the exasperated Mr. de Mille again.

"Here," she said, thrusting the script into his hand, "you read Robert Preston's part and we'll do the scene together."

An hour later she had got it.

TYRONE Power, America's No. 2 star of 1939, gets his marching orders for 1940. He is to play lead in a film called "The Great Commandment."

## WHAT'S ON

KING'S: "It Could Happen to You."

ORIENTAL: "Juarez."

MAJESTIC: "Daughters Courageous."

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA: "Tarzan Finds a Son."

It is a tale of how Jesus brought peace when the Jews revolted against the Romans in A.D. 30.

Which commandment? Not one of the Sermon on the Mount: "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself."

An excellent idea. Producer Darryl Zanuck senses that the world is eager, just now, to hear again the old story of brotherly love.

But Power? Frankly, he is a mystery man to me.

He has built the Suez Canal, been Marie Antoinette's lover, Jesse James, the lad who saved Lloyd's of London.

But he had another part. He was Sonja Henie's Press agent in "Second Fiddle." The film was poor, but he was grand.

Frankly, Mr. Power is a light comedian first and other things a long way afterwards. I wish they'd let him fiddle while the other actors take care of Rome burning.

SAME thing with MADEIRA CARROLL. She has been snared by Cecil B. de Mille. And that guy certainly throws a mean lasso.

He has Birmingham's second-best citizen (first is Mr. Chamberlain, of course) ridin' the Rockies with Frederic March in "North-West Mounted."

And just as soon as he can pry her out of that high-backed saddle she, too, is to go into a religious picture.

De Mille calls it "Queen of Queens." Miss Carroll is to be the first Mary and Miss Dietrich the other one. I hope it works out well.

So it will be six months before Miss Carroll can come home to be the society dame in "The Admirable Crichton," which Paramount plan to do here. Society dames are her long suit.

The delay has this one advantage. Mr. Leslie Howard may be through with his cut-price "Hamlet," so that he can be butler to Miss Carroll.

Paramount announce four British pictures. "Crichton," then "Knights of the Round Table" (with young DOUG FAIRBANKS as Sir Lancelot), the life of Barney Barnato, diamond king, and a comedy to be called "What Ho!"

## Spotting the Rank

LIEUTENANT (E)  
SUB-LIEUTENANT (E)  
MIDSHIPMAN (E)

Each of these ranks is distinguished from the corresponding grade in the Executive branch by strips of purple cloth between, or alongside, the gold lace on the cuffs or great-coat shoulders of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.

When the war broke out there were 358 Lieutenants (E), 94 Sub-Lieutenants (E), including 33 acting in that rank, and 121 Midshipmen (E).

On the retired list there were 156 Lieutenants (E), 105 Engineer-Lieutenants (a rank now superseded by the former), and 14 Sub-Lieutenants (E) or corresponding ranks.

Until the rank of Sub-Lieutenant (E) is reached, these officers spend their time principally at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Koyham, Devonport.

At sea, Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants (E) may be either junior engine-room officers in battleships, aircraft-carriers or cruisers, or in charge of the machinery of small vessels.

Which reminds me to say that I don't think there is any form of entertainment I read more than a comedy called "What Ho!" Unless it is a comedy called "Splash Me." Film titles are a great trouble to me. Mr. Howard's film with Ingrid Bergman used to be called "Intermezzo," but it is now "Escape to Happiness."

It could be called "Hell Sieg You Again," and I still wouldn't know what it is all about. I like titles like "Hunchback of Notre Dame" or "The Great Train Robbery." They let you know what's going on.

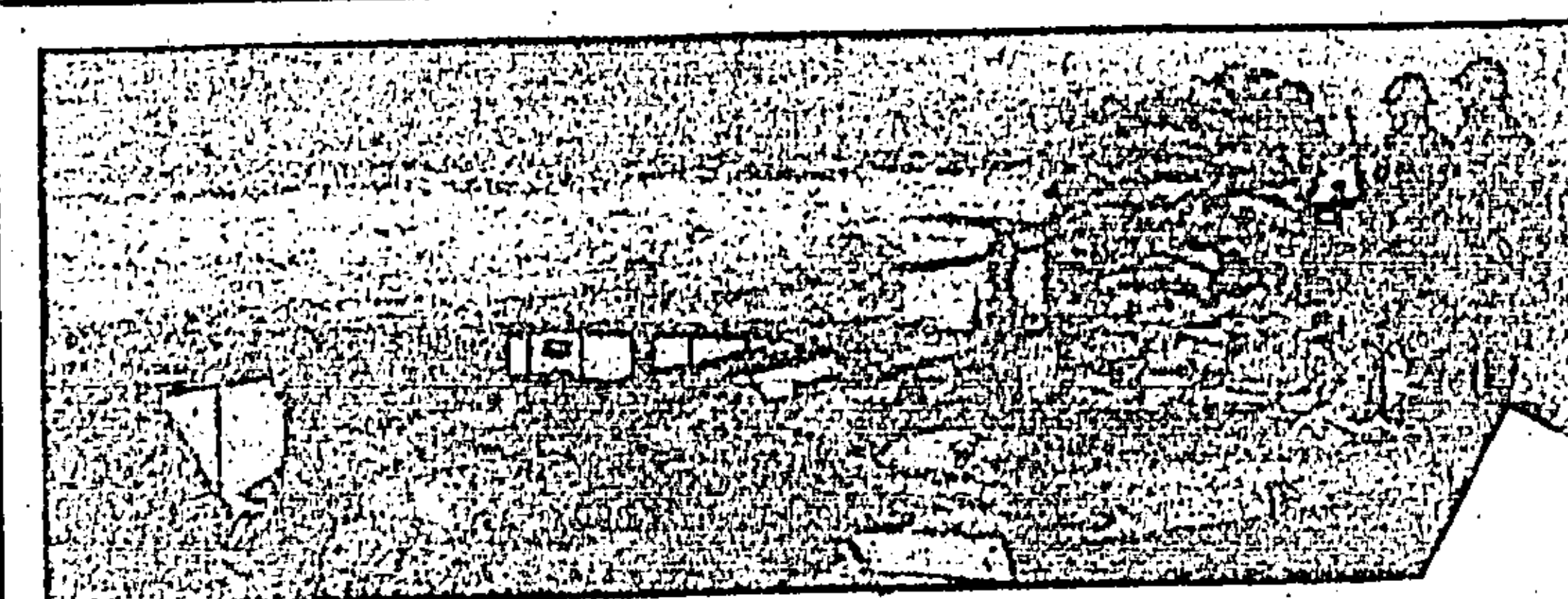
TAKE ANN HARDING for instance. She is coming down from the Hollywood hill top she inhabits to stage a screen come-back after two years. She partners Basil Rathbone.

In our last instalment, you will remember, we left her screaming at Mr. Rathbone in "Love me as a Stranger." The new chapter is to be called "Destiny." All I know about a film with Harding and Rathbone called "Destiny" is that it depresses me.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't look now, Gaylord, but that woman over there has a terrible figure!"



By Jan Vane Elven

## How Holland is Flooded

THE MOMENT the Germans set foot on Dutch territory, short, stout Mr. J. W. Alberda will be at the telephone to give the word "Flood!"

As Holland's Minister of Waterworks, Mr. Alberda—a civil engineer before he entered the Cabinet—controls the country's vast network of canals and waterways.

Hundreds of uniformed look and sluice attendants are standing by night and day, waiting for his word.

It will be the signal for them to pull an electric switch. Immense sluice gates will be raised by machinery. The water will gush through to inundate large tracts of land.

Holland's waterworks are a marvel of mechanical efficiency. Within twenty-four hours a sheet of water will lie in the path of the invader.

While some of the sluices on rivers and canals are hand-operated, the principal sluices are worked by electricity.

Time will be an important factor in the flood strategy—and no time will be lost by the Dutchmen.

HOLLAND'S first line of defence is the River Yssel, near the German-Dutch frontier.

If resistance falls at this point, the Dutch Army, about 700,000 strong, will fall back to their main water-line—which is to Holland what the Maginot Line is to France.

This stretches for more than eighty miles from Amsterdam, past Utrecht, south-west to the River Lek and the River Waal, then to Biesbosch on the River Maas.

Above and beyond the flooded lands, the important industrial centres of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, the Hague, Utrecht, and Haarlem will remain intact.

In many parts of this low-lying region, the canals, enclosed in their banks, are ten feet above the level of the land. Flooding is thus an easy procedure.

All the sluice attendants have to do is to open the sluices, and raise the level of the canal water so that it overflows the banks on to the surrounding country.

Main artery of the water-line is the River Vecht, which flows into the Zuider Zee, west of Amsterdam. It is fed by a network of canals.

Both the sluices on the Vecht and the canals will be opened immediately the danger signal is given.

SIMULTANEOUSLY—hundreds of bridges, already mined in readiness, will be blown up. There are more bridges to the square mile in Holland than any other country.

The water-line would be three miles on an average in width, and the depth would vary from 18 inches to 20 feet. Invaders will find it impossible to tell when they would pass from the shallows into the deep canals and ditches.

Already large stretches of the country have been flooded as an emergency, and hundreds of homes are under water. More than 16,000 of the people who lived there have been evacuated.

And what has been done there in the last few weeks has been sufficient to show what a barrier the water would be to an invading army.

The Dutch military authorities have experimented with tanks in the drowned fields. The tanks have been hopelessly bogged in the soggy, peaty ground under the water.

"BETTER a drowned land than a lost land," cried William the Silent in the sixteenth century, when the Spaniards menaced Holland.

Dikes were breached, the water came in and a great lake was spread between the Dutch and their enemy.

Water is a greater barrier to an army than it was in William the Silent's time. For mechanised forces the water-line would be impassable. Even where the ground looked solid, it might be a death-trap mine for tanks and guns. For the water seeps treacherously underneath.

To see the flooding of their land would be heart-breaking to the Dutch. For centuries they have been fighting water, as each polder or strip of reclaimed land was won from the sea.

But the Dutch are ready to undo the work of centuries and welcome an invasion by their ancient enemy if it serves to keep a worse enemy out.

Much of the work of reclaiming the vast basin of the Zuider Zee would go by the board. Millions of pounds have been spent in the last twenty years on this great reclamation scheme which was to have been completed in 1952.

A dam twenty-six miles long has been built as a barrier against the North Sea, and behind it thousands of acres have been drained and made useful. Thousands of acres more remain to be drained.

TO reclaim flooded reclaimed land and make it fit for cultivation again will take years of hard labour.

That is the sacrifice Holland must make to save the more important part of her territory from the invader.

In the strip of territory south of the River Maas and the Belgian frontier the Dutchmen would have a harder task in stemming the enemy.

But, here again they would have formidable barriers in the Wilhelmina and Willemstaart Canals, which are linked, in their continuation over the Belgian frontier, with the powerfully-fortified Albert Canal, running from Liege to Antwerp.

If Holland and Belgium co-operated to resist invasion, a stand could be made along the canals in this sector and the Germans held up long enough for help to arrive.

Many military experts believe that the region between the Maas River and the Albert Canal may be the great battlefield of the war.

Germany's twin objectives, to reach the south coast of Holland for the establishment of aeroplane and submarine bases, and to swing from Holland through Belgium on an attack on France, would be fought out here.

The large provinces of Friesland and Groningen at the north-west of Holland may prove indefensible. Here the land is comparatively high and cannot be flooded.

Plans have been worked out for evacuating the population of these provinces by rushing them across the modern roadway on the Zuider Zee dam.

Holland, free of invasion for more than a century, is ready for any emergency.

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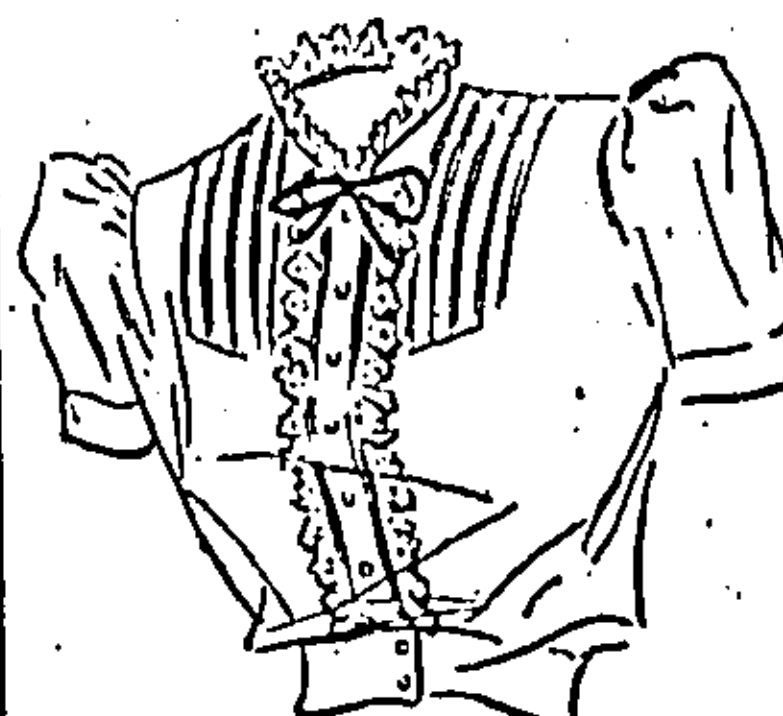
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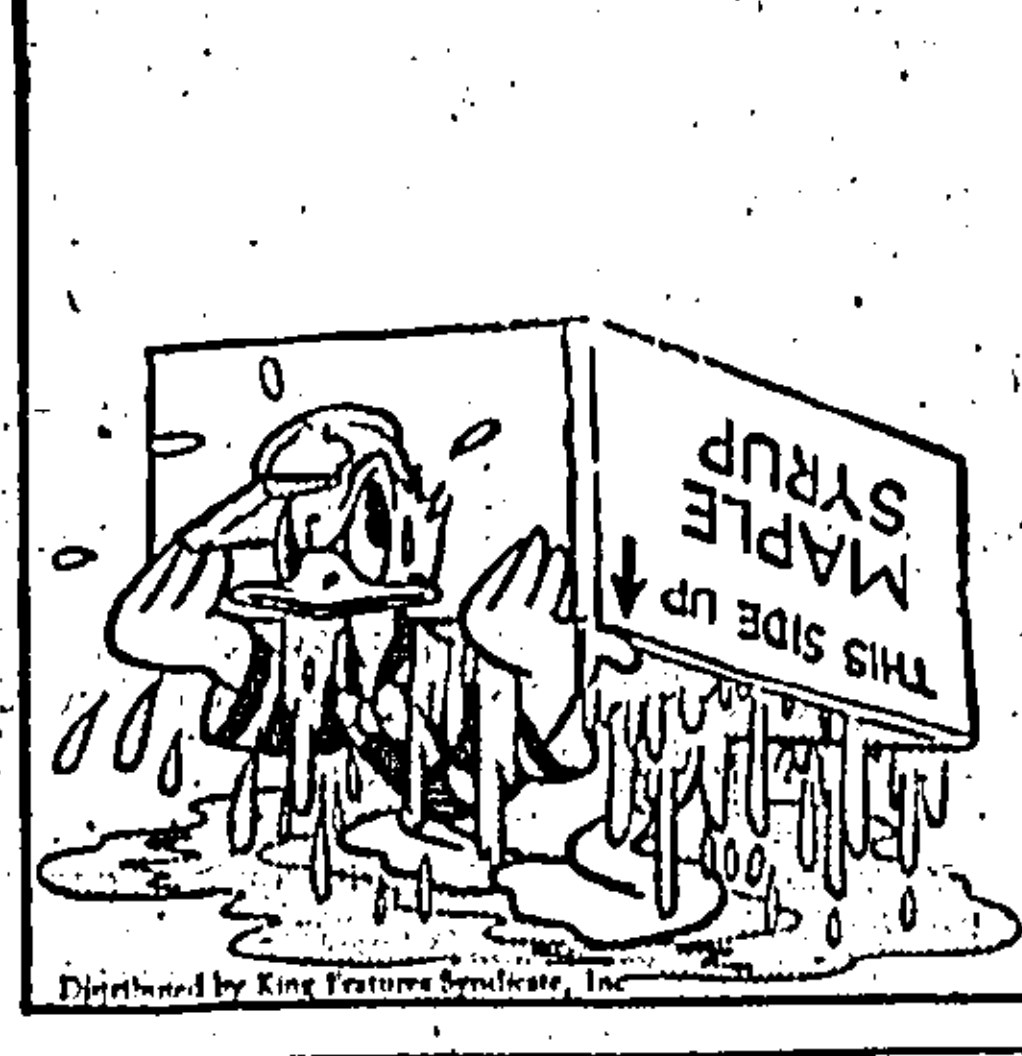
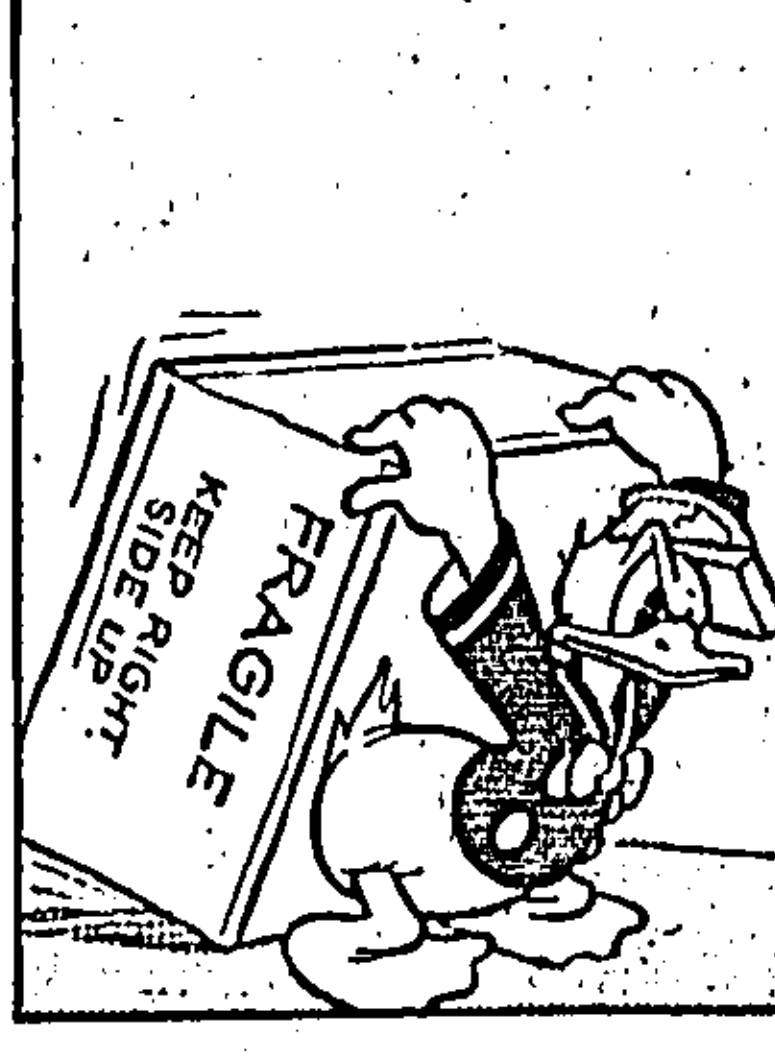
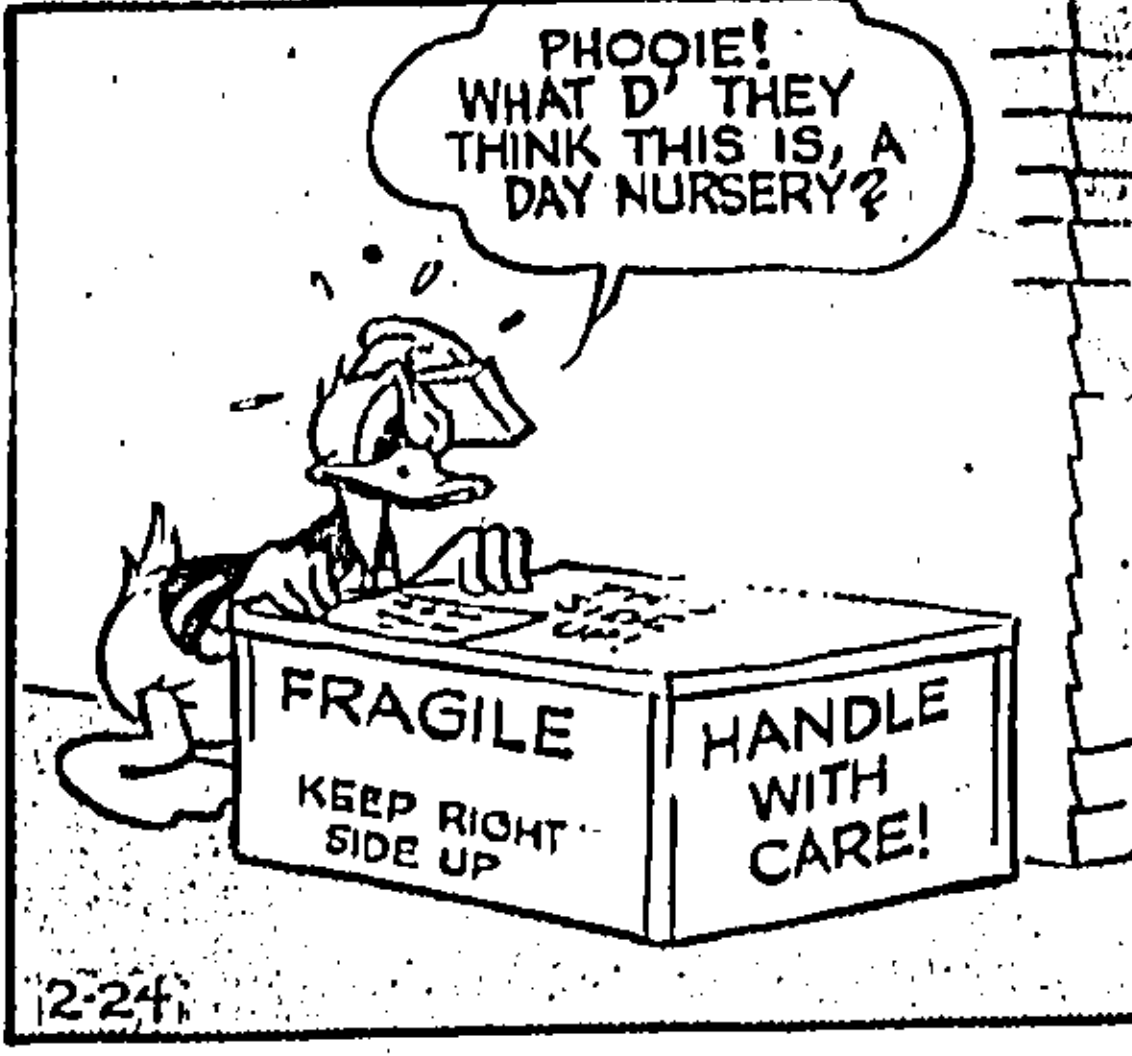
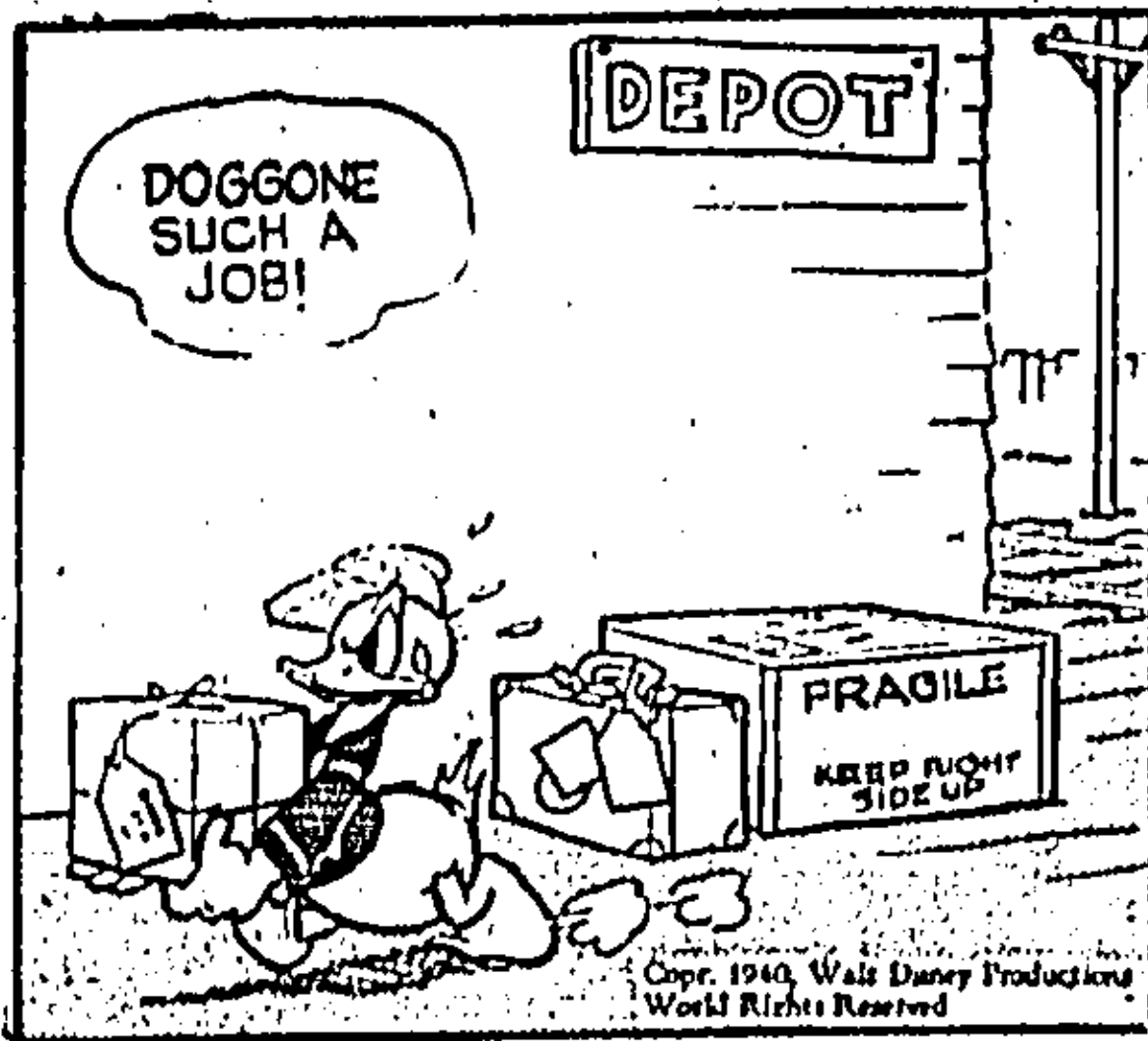
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FRANCE is taking the opportunity provided by the stalemate on the Western Front to perfect all her defences, so that even if the Germans should miraculously break through the Maginot Line, they will find formidable defences everywhere throughout the country. Photograph shows Moroccan troops digging trenches somewhere in France.—French Official War Photograph.

## "Ladies only" airplane line

K.L.M. air line is starting a new Ladies Only air liner service between Europe and Australia. And 50 per cent. of the first bookings have been sold to British women passengers.

Imperial Airways, with Government restrictions, a limited amount of aircraft, and no replacements, could offer these women passengers only bookings with delays of as long as a month.

The Dutch K.L.M. company has been one of the most enterprising of the neutrals in profiting by the British Government's stranglehold on civil aviation progress in war-time.

Ladies Only air liners will run over almost identical routes to Britain's own Empire services.

### Only Twelve

Each of the planes will take only twelve passengers. The first six seats in the first one, due to leave in a few days, have been booked by Englishwomen.

Their air liners leave from Naples, which is the terminus. But the passengers will be met in Paris by the captain and crew of the machine in which they are to fly. From Paris to Naples they will be escorted and entertained on their train journey by the aircraft officers.

The destinations of the sixteen Englishwomen who have already booked are: eleven to India, three to Burma, two to Australia.

Because war restrictions have held up the delivery of new flying-boats, Imperial Airways North Atlantic passenger service, due to begin this year, is cancelled.

Instead of the huge G class flying-boats, the Golden Hind, Golden Fleece, Golden Horn and others which in June this year should have begun to carry as many as thirty passengers on Transatlantic trips, a number of elderly Empire flying-boats, specially strengthened, will run only mail and freight services.

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## Why Fat Men Are Best Long-Distance Pilots

FAT men make the best pilots for long-distance reconnaissance patrols because they diet themselves to suit their physical conditions and are better able to stand cold and strain.

This, while not held to be a general rule, is indicated by careful tests made by the R.A.F. medical services.

Airmen's diet is closely watched. All get a proportion of vitamins A and D (mostly given in tasteless capsule form).

To measure and assess reactions to certain flying stresses and conditions members of the Research staff have allowed themselves to be deliberately "blacked out."

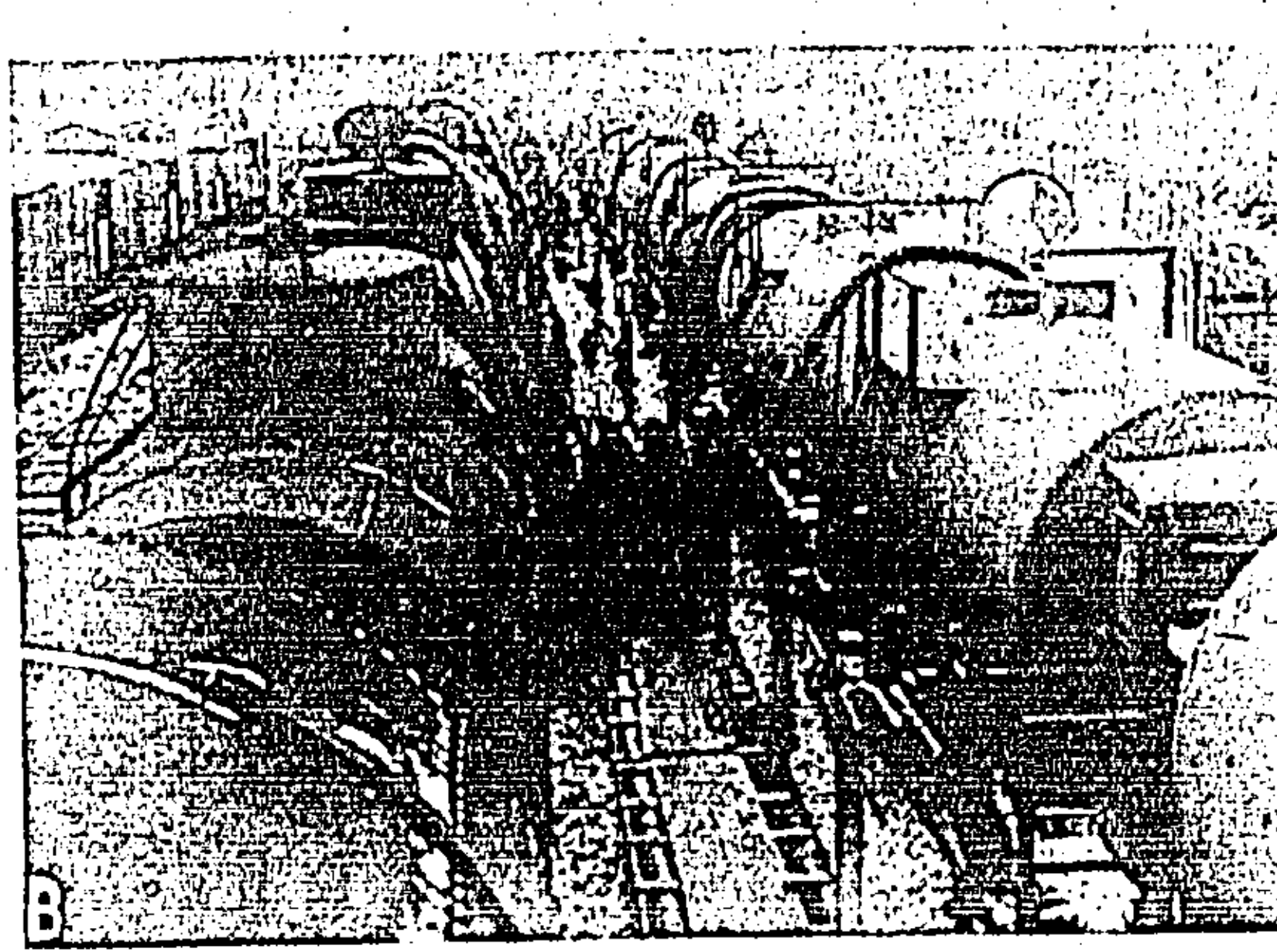
### Stress Time Limit

No hard-and-fast rule is laid down of the number of hours the pilot is expected to have flown before he shows signs of flying stress or any neurosis.

But each member of the flying personnel of every station is watched by the medical officer of the unit, who in some cases is himself a qualified pilot. He has to watch unceasingly for the first symptoms of flying stress.

There is no ban on alcohol or smoking in moderation.

## RUSSIAN OIL FOR THE NAZIS



GERMANY is desperately short of oil and because of the Allied blockade must bring in her supplies by railway. This photograph gives some idea of the congestion that results.—Domei

## IT REQUIRES SOME PLUCK

"I am too scared to fight. I admit it frankly. Tim is my main objection to joining the Army." James McCarthy, plumber, of Bonner-road, Bethnal Green, told the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal recently.

Judge Hargreaves said they admired his frankness but had no power to exempt him because he was afraid to fight.

## He Took Best Siegfried Line Photographs

ON his first reconnaissance flight beyond the Siegfried Line, a 23-year-old sergeant-pilot has secured the most valuable photographs the R.A.F. has yet taken.

Both the pilot and his observer have just received from British G.H.Q. in France official congratulations on an "exceptionally brilliant exploit."

He had, as he told United Press war correspondent, "beginner's luck." And this is the story of his scouting exploit.

The pilot took his machine to 15,000 feet in a cloudless sky and followed the line of the German defences.

These were photographed, and then the plane was steered east into enemy territory.

For two-and-a-half hours the plane cruised over Germany, and the British airmen pictured the camouflaged airfields behind the Siegfried Line.

The crew was over one aerodrome for 20 minutes while the electrically-operated camera took a strip of pictures showing a squadron of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground.

### ROOSEVELT READY

Washington, Apr. 15. In a Pan-American Day address to-day, President Roosevelt said that the American republics must be prepared to meet force with force if their system of peaceful relations were challenged.—United Press.

## ARK ROYAL: ADMIRAL LOST HIS CROCKERY

THE Ark Royal—our £3,000,000 aircraft carrier you "sank" by radio twice nightly—is on her way again. I went down to see her during her "wash and brush up" at a British port after a five months' cruise. And fine and dandy she looked, with not even a scratch from that 1,000lb. bomb you thought had sent her to the bottom of the sea.

As a matter of fact it was a pretty close shave. The bomb dropped only five yards from the Ark Royal's bows. But all it did was to break some of the Admiral's crockery. And since then the ship has steamed many thousand miles and, with her aircraft, has reconnoitred 5,000,000 square miles of ocean from the northern Atlantic down to Rio and Capetown.

She has been responsible for the capture of one valuable German merchant ship and the scuttling of two more. Her planes have attacked several U-boats and others have been frightened into crash dives with unknown results.

So much for the facts, Dr. Goebbels which I am sure you will be glad to pass on.

### 'Fairly Clever'

Adolph

YOU might tell Lieut. Adolph Francke, who did the "sinking," that the officers and men of the Ark Royal think he is a fairly clever pilot. He dived from about 4,000ft., let go the bomb at about 1,000ft., and—as I said—missed by five yards. So don't be too hard on him for making a fool of you.

I am sure of my facts, for the officers and men of the Ark Royal remember every incident of that day they were "sunk" early in the war. "An interesting day," they called it. Here is what happened, in the words of the commanding officer, Capt. A. J. Power: "We were in the North Sea when three Dornier flying-boats appeared, flying well away and high out of the range of the ship's guns. Aircraft were sent up at once from the carrier and went into action against the Dorniers. One was shot down and the others made away. "The German machine landed on the sea and its position was communicated to a destroyer, which raced up and rescued the crew and sank the aircraft."

"Apparently the Dorniers had communicated with their land base and very soon some 'bombers' appeared. They had a warm reception from our fellows, but one German more daring than the others, made a power dive on to us.

### 'Saw Hugo Bomb'

Coming At Us

"HE started from about 4,000ft. and pulled out at perhaps 1,000ft. I saw a bomb leave him; it was the biggest one I have seen. I saw it falling and from the bridge my impression was that it was not going to hit us. It landed in the sea about 15ft. from the ship's side. But had it hit us it would not have sunk us.

"The bows lifted up a little; we were shaken. But all it really did was to break some crockery. All other reports are just nonsense. That fellow Francke was a clever pilot all right but he shouldn't jump to conclusions.

But perhaps, Dr. Goebbels, your pilots couldn't be blamed for thinking that the Ark Royal had been sunk. For when they returned later she was not with the rest of the Fleet. She wasn't at the bottom of the sea though. She was just doing other duties. Which just goes to show how careful you should be before you rush into radio!

Anyway, your "Where is the Ark Royal? Ask your Mr. Churchill!" announcements brightened up life on the ship quite a lot. The crew used to listen and roar back "Here."

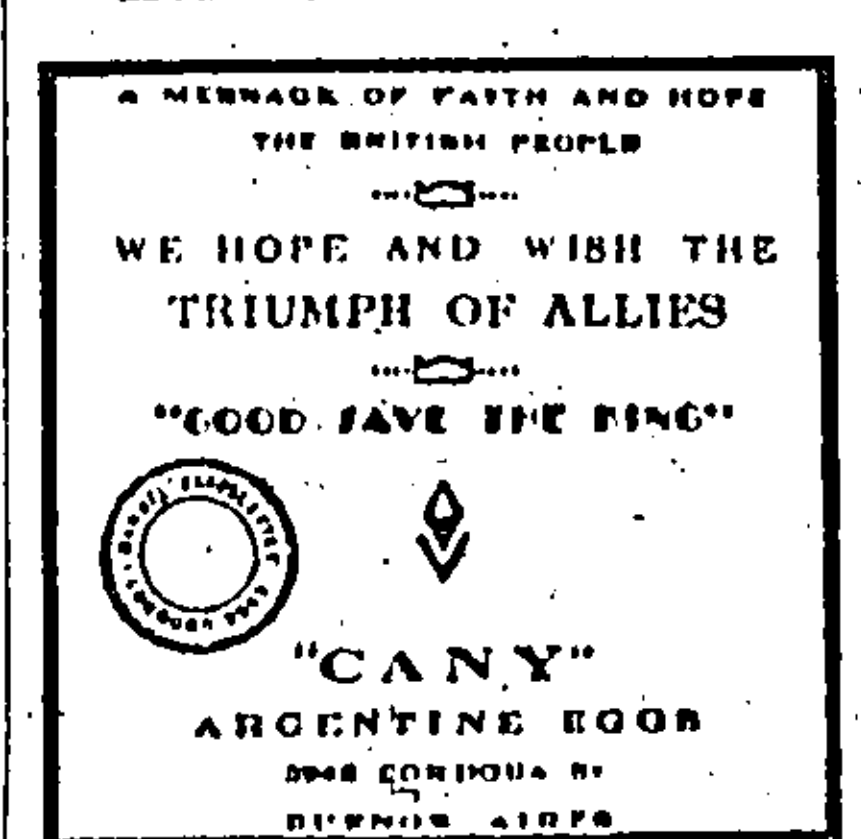
### Torpedoes Within 200 Yards

AS a matter of fact I don't mind telling you now that the Ark Royal had another close shave in October. That was when two torpedoes passed within about 200 yards of her. But the U-boat was sunk by a screen of destroyers.

It may amuse you to know that the ship has a scrapbook containing the cuttings of your clippings and photographs of Lieut. Francke. Capt. Power showed it to me and other newspaper men when we visited the carrier.

"Someone sent me an article from a German paper giving a graphic reconstruction in pictures of the 'sinking,'" he said. "He thought I might like to use it for a Christmas card."

## IT SHOWS WHAT THEY THINK



This leaflet was found stuck on a box of eggs unloaded at London Dock.

It was sent by a reader, who said, "It shows what the man abroad is thinking."

## Song War Is Spreading

A LOT of fighting in the war so far has been with songs, and from the neutral observation post of the U.S. it appears that the boys behind the piano have done almost as much work as the boys behind the machine-guns.

When the war broke out soldiers found there weren't any new martial songs, so they had to march off to the front singing dance tunes like "The Beer Barrel Polka" and "South of the Border."

When these wore out they had to turn to the old favourites of the last war, like "Tipperary," "Pack Up Your Troubles," and "Back to Blighty," which were soon given such modern twists as—

"Pack up your Goebbels in your old kit bag, and hell, hell, hell..." After this first spell of makeshift the song writers produced such songs as "I'm sending you to the 'Siegfried Line'" and "Hang up your Washing on the Siegfried Line."

The Germans denounced the Siegfried Line songs as "bad taste" in broadcasts to America. "Soldiers who fight," declared the German announcer, "do not brag a 1914 number."

## 8 Weeks Wed, Seeks Divorce

—Court Told

FOUR days before she was found strangled in her flat, a wife aged nineteen, married only eight weeks, and who had been trying to get a divorce from her husband, aged twenty, so that she could marry another, went to the theatre with a former lover.

The lover gave evidence at Newcastle, when the husband, Michael Banks, steel worker, of Herbert-street, Newcastle, was remanded for a week accused of murdering Eleanor Banks, his wife, by strangling her.

Although they were married only at Christmas, said Mr. Maurice Crump, prosecuting, the Banks' marriage was not happy. Only the night before her death there was a scene in their home.

The quarrel was described by Grace Graham, fifteen, sister of the dead woman, who told how she spent the night at the flat.

### Hand Over Mouth

She was awakened by her sister gasping, "Mother, Mother." "Why brother-in-law was holding his hand over her mouth," said the girl, "and I told him to get off. He said he would go for the police, and my sister told him to do what he liked. He went out and came back with a policeman."

Norman Harrison, of Heathfield-crescent, Newcastle, said he had been engaged to Mrs. Banks before her marriage. On the Thursday before she died they went to the theatre together. It was the only time he had seen her since her marriage.

Mrs. Jane Annie Calder, Banks' sister, said her brother arrived at her house on the Sunday afternoon and asked for a cigarette. Mrs. Calder went on: "He had an awful look on his face, and I asked him what was the matter, and where Eleanor was. He replied, 'She will never breathe again. I have done her in.'"

Banks, alleged Mrs. Calder, added: "I have been married eight weeks, and I have never slept through her keeping waking me and asking about a divorce. I have never had a good dinner until to-day."

the washing will be very dirty before it can be hung on the Siegfried Line."

Scorning the compositions of America as "clandestine" and "fewish," the Germans have been caught short of new war songs. German sailors came forward with a chant, "When We Sail Towards England," but somebody spotted it as a rehash of a 1914 number.

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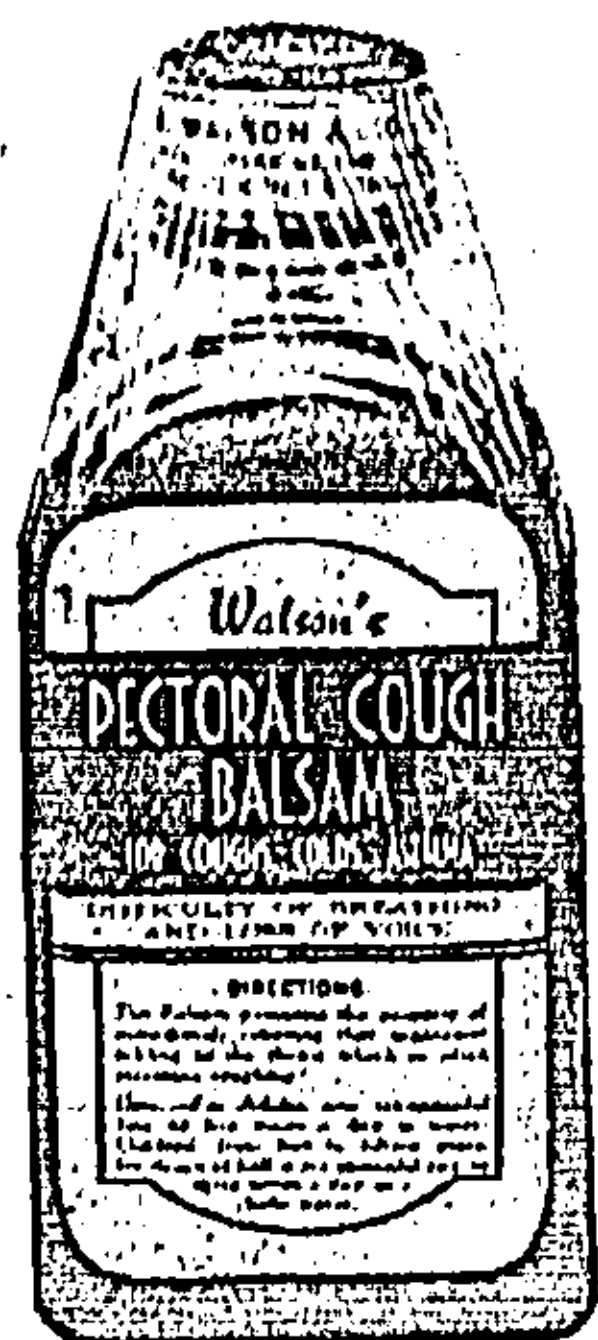
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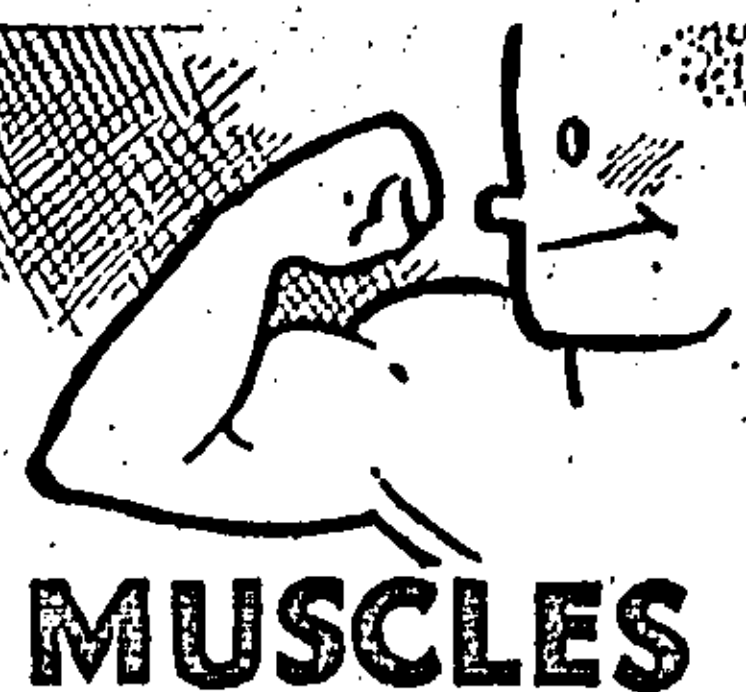
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menegildo, dearly beloved hus-  
band of Lucilla Cortez, will  
leave Canosa Hospital, at 5 p.m.  
to-day and pass the Monument  
at 5.30. No flowers by request.The  
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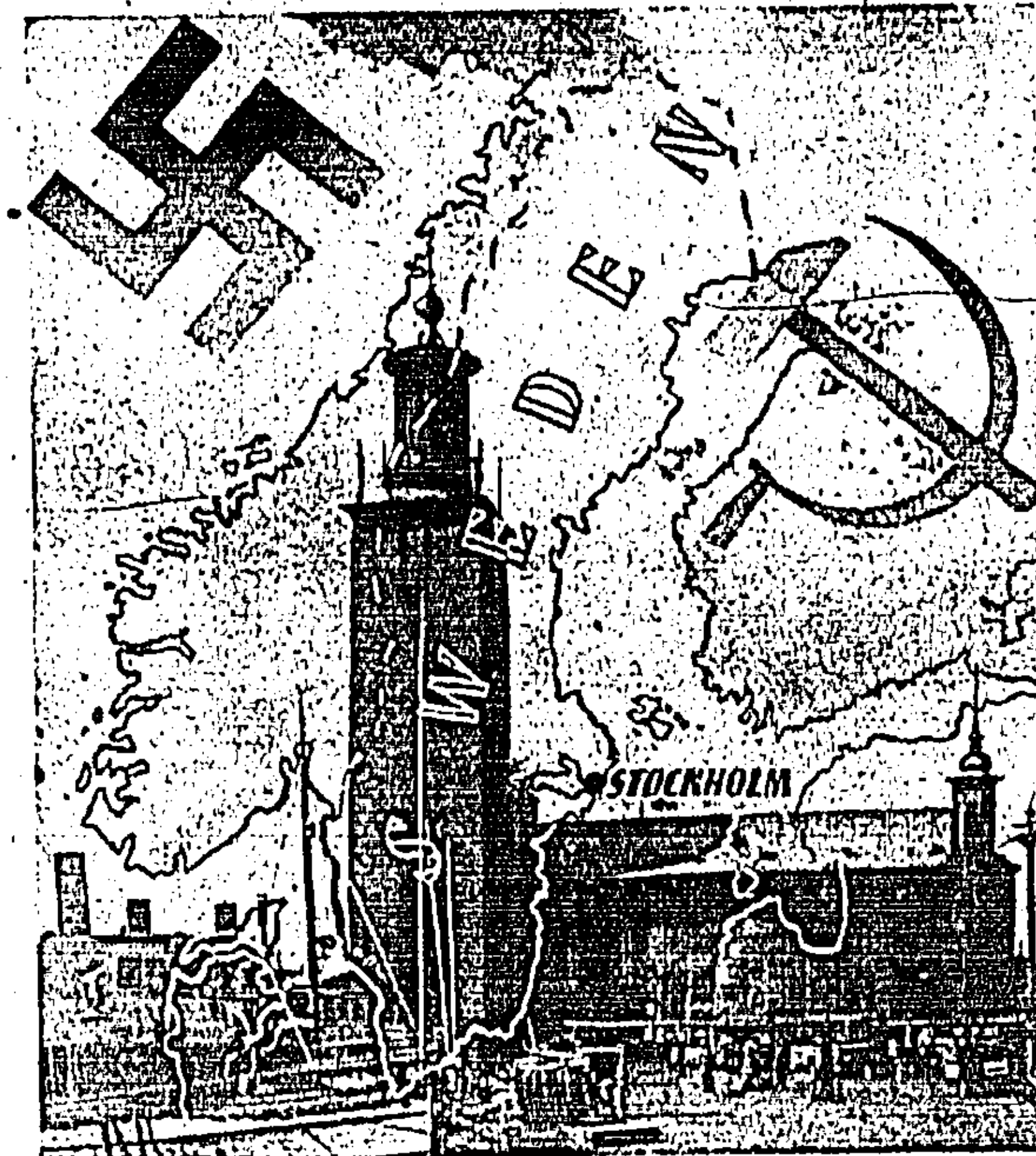
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## Cruoe Debunked

A NAZI writer has done a  
useful bit of work in showing up  
Robinson Crusoe for what he  
really was—an unscrupulousBriton tyrannising over defence-  
less savages and depriving Man  
Friday of his Lebensraum.Perhaps most readers of the  
famous tale had never thought of  
it in that light. But that  
presumably is because they are  
mostly British. Defoe we must  
now see as a sinister propa-  
gandist, upholder and exponent  
of British imperialism.Our colonial inquiries are ap-  
parently of much longer stand-  
ing than we had suspected.On the other hand, we find  
native races the world over  
simply longing to place them-  
selves under the benevolent pro-  
tection of the Swastika.When the Nazis have treated  
the populations of Czecho-  
Slovakia and Poland so well, it  
stands to reason that they would  
be not less kindly in Africa or  
elsewhere."Taking it all in all," the Nazi  
writer comments, "we Germans  
are incredibly harmless people."  
Yes, incredibly! This harmless-  
ness has expressed itself even  
more eloquently since Hitler  
came to power than heretofore.The German propaganda  
machine must indeed be  
gravelled for matter, in its cam-  
paign to blacken Great Britain,  
if it has to turn to masterpieces  
like "Robinson Crusoe" in search  
of revelations.We make it a present of  
"Gulliver's Travels" and any  
other classic that takes its fancy.  
Further proofs of British  
villainy should not be hard to get  
—provided one brings the  
necessary mental bias to the  
task.SHADOWS  
OVER  
SWEDENIN the Opera House the  
voices are rising and  
interweaving to ideal  
patterns traced by the baton  
of Fritz Busch. Dry, clear  
and gay is this production  
of "Cosi Fan Tutte," a great  
German and the Swedish  
genius for decors have com-  
bined to make as fine a  
version as Europe is likely  
to see.But the Swedes who crowd the  
stalls and balconies are not watching  
with complete attention; they are  
aware that a few miles away, the  
war has come to their back door,  
and straight ahead, through the  
wood and canvas Mediterranean of  
the backcloth, Germans, cut off from  
their bases by the British Navy, can  
now obtain their supplies by one  
route. That route lies through  
Sweden.They know, too, that the contrast  
here is only a miniature of the  
tragedy confronting Sweden on the  
stage of world politics.  
Once ancient Crete found itself in  
a situation which was not dissimilar.  
In a thousand years of peace a society  
developed where tools were works  
of art and central heating warmed  
the houses of the rich; so long a  
freedom from war raised civilisation  
to a plane where it could refine the  
detail of living. Unfortunately the  
Cretans forgot the ugly business of  
defending themselves and were swept  
out of existence by the first invader.IN modern Sweden it is not just  
that the draughts of Great Bri-  
tain are unthinkable, that the build-  
ings of Stockholm reach a general  
standard unequalled by any other  
capital, that a button at your bedside  
unlocks the door or a switch in the  
sleeping-car procures as tropical a  
temperature as you wish.The virtues of democracy are  
entirely solid. Slums—which do not  
exist—seem a medieval blot on the  
landscape of backward countries;  
pensions, insurance, co-operation,  
are organised to high efficiency. The  
children in elementary schools have  
free doctoring and dentistry, and it  
is 20 years since the State limited the  
working day of the adult to eight  
hours.This country, which war has not  
touched for well over a century, has  
come to believe in civilisation, provid-  
ing it by the expenditure of tens of  
millions of kronor more each year on  
social services than on armaments.But now, in the course of a few  
months, the shadows of Crete are  
gathering.War in the south between  
Germany and the Western Powers  
she could have survived without  
risking her highly-manicured hands  
in it. Her iron-ore may be help-  
ing Germany—though not so  
much, she keeps, telling her con-  
science, as to help indispensably—  
ships may be being sunk, the thicket  
of wireless masts on the roof of the  
German Legation may be preparing  
heaven knows how much trouble;  
but none of these things is worth  
a resistance which would mean des-  
truction by Germany.FAR more alarming to Swedish  
nerves is the German assault on  
her neighbour Norway. For this,  
Sweden foresees, is going to have  
immediate and tangible effects on  
herself.If Britain maintains the blockade  
that cuts the German invaders off  
from their bases marches to the  
frontier, the least that can happen is  
the creation of an alternative route  
across the Baltic. At worst Russia  
may be expected to join Germany in  
a race by the iron-ore mines in the  
north and for domination of Sweden  
politically and economically.The people are divided as to the  
best course of action. The Govern-  
ment believes in inaction, hinting at  
knowledge that Germany will invade  
if help is given to Norway. Defence  
works are being rushed up on Skane-  
becken, coastal batteries and entanglements  
learned from Maggot and Manner-  
heim; but these are unfinished andcould not withstand the few divisions  
Germany would release from the  
Western Front. Half the army in the  
north; its worth, after years of  
economy, is unknown.Pacifism, in this atmosphere, can  
go to extreme lengths. We must  
accept this fact," said one of the most  
distinguished Social Democrats at  
a secret party meeting, "Finland  
was Lebensraum of Russia, Sweden  
may be the Lebensraum of Ger-  
many."But the interventionists, shocked  
and indignant at the less spectacular  
pacifism expressed by the Govern-  
ment, have strong arguments and  
stronger feelings on their side. To  
quieten growing public excitement it  
was necessary for the King to en-  
dorse the policy, and even then the  
brave man of Scandinavia, a jour-  
nalist called Dr. Segerstedt, wrote:  
"The Government has played the  
king, but the ace of fate will beat  
that."He meant that the dangers of non-  
intervention are more certain than  
those of attack. For if Germany,  
be allowed to expand as she likes,  
Sweden will fall not merely into  
her grip but into Russia's, the tradi-  
tional enemy.To this turmoil of prophecies and  
forebodings we must add the  
hopes centred on England. Sweden  
is far more pro-British than she  
was in the last war. "How couldwe like a regime of gangsters?" one  
said to me. "Those people don't be-  
long to the twentieth century."So certain was this Swede of the  
sympathies of his country that he  
argued in favour of a British inva-  
sion to fight Russia when she was  
invading Finland. Resistance he  
said, would mean alignment with  
Germany, and this was impossible.  
Two days later a more elderly Swede  
was warning me in tones as urgent  
as if they were addressed to Mr.  
Winston Churchill that an expedition  
of this kind would be fatal since it  
would throw Sweden into Germany's  
arms.Both these schools of thought  
assume that Britain will send effec-  
tive help to Scandinavia.MEANWHILE some are enrolling to  
fight in Norway, as they enrolledThree Powers have guaranteed her  
security: two more would like to—So what has  
Rumania got to  
worry about?RUMANIA lives under the shadow  
of a great fear.And yet three Powers have guar-  
anteed her security, and two more  
are anxious to guarantee it.Why is Rumania embarrassed by  
guarantors and would-be guarantors?  
Why, if five Powers wish to preserve  
her, does she live in fear?When Greece, Britain and France  
gave a guarantee to Poland, Turkey  
belonged to Rumania, too. Turkey  
has guaranteed her against aggres-  
sion by any European Power except  
Russia. Count Ciano and Count  
Caulley have offered her a guarantee  
on behalf of their countries, Italy  
and Hungary.

So what are Rumania's worries?

SHE is in the most dangerous  
position in which any State  
can be—she is richer than she is  
strong. She is adjoined by one  
Great Power—Russia—and within  
the sphere of influence of another  
—Germany. And both have designs  
against her.(1) Why does Russia look towards  
Rumania? Bessarabia, now a pro-  
vince of the Kingdom of Rumania,  
belonged to Russia until the Revolu-  
tion of 1917. A quarter of the popu-  
lation of Bessarabia is Russian in  
birth and speech.Russia can find an excuse there,  
interest in Rumania? It is even more  
acute than Russia's. Rumania has oil  
wells.She produces seven million  
tons of crude oil a year; Germany  
consumes 7,000,000 tons of petrol a  
year in peace, and probably more  
than double that amount in war.  
Control of Rumania's oil would make  
a vast improvement in Germany's  
position.At present though she sends three-  
fourths of her total exports to Ger-  
many, Rumania sends her only  
1,500,000 tons of oil, one-third of  
her total oil exports. In the recent  
trade negotiations Germany in mild  
figure, but has not succeeded in  
getting it. Control of Rumania's  
cereals and timber, too, would not  
come amiss, and Germany has now  
obtained a depreciation of Rumanian  
currency which increases her own  
purchasing power.  
Germany has no common frontier  
with Rumania, German troops wouldhave to cross Hungary, or Russian  
Poland, before they could enter  
Rumania.It is difficult to say whether most  
Rumanians dread a German or a  
Russian occupation the more.Probably the richer classes fear  
the Russians the more, the poorer  
the Germans. But the majority of  
Rumanians would wish to resist  
either. And Rumania has the cleav-  
erest, most masterful King in Europe,  
determined to pass on his inheritance  
intact to his son, the Crown Prince  
Michael.(3) Why do Hungary and Italy  
offer Rumania a guarantee? What do  
they want in return? And why does  
this embarrass Rumania?Because Rumania holds the former  
Hungarian province of Transylvania,  
which she received as a reward for  
coming in on the side of the Allies  
in the last war. Hungary's price  
for a guarantee is the return of  
three-quarters of this territory—and  
if Rumania refuses to pay Hungary  
might invade Transylvania the mor-  
nent Russia invaded Bessarabia.So it's six of one and half a dozen  
of the other. Rumania may fall  
between two stools.(4) What is Italy's interest? Mus-  
solini wishes to possess a dominant  
influence in the Balkans. He does  
not want to see Russia encroaching  
upon his neighbours. It is his desire  
and his interest to see the Balkan  
countries unified instead of bickering.  
Rumania is Italy's first line of de-  
fence against Russia.(5) Rumania possesses a province on  
the Black Sea called Dobruja.  
This previously belonged to Bulgaria,  
so Bulgaria has a grievance.THE country would have the  
will to resist. Would it  
possess the means?Rumania has a population of about  
19,000,000. Two-thirds of these have  
Rumanian as their native tongue.  
The remaining third of the popula-  
tion comes from very diverse origins.  
There are nearly 2,000,000 Hungari-  
ans; about 1,000,000 Russians, and  
600,000 Germans. For the rest there  
are Bulgars, Turks, Jews, miscellane-  
ous Slavs, and a few Poles.  
Some of these do not matter. But  
the Hungarians, Russians, Germans  
and Bulgars, though many of themare loyal enough, must all be ac-  
counted elements of weakness; and  
especially the Germans, who have  
the typical Nazi organisation, with  
every member ready to betray his  
country for the sake of pan-German-  
ism should Hitler decide to strike.Everybody knows how the German  
minority in Poland conducted espionage  
and helped to disorganise the  
Polish defences. The Rumanian  
Nazis, and their non-German Fascist  
friends in the Iron Guard, would  
follow the German Poles' example.Her acquisitions have trebled Ru-  
mania's population and vastly in-  
creased her territory and economic  
resources. But naturally each of  
them has created a potential enemy  
in the State which was deprived of  
a province.RUMANIA could put into the  
field an army of 1,500,000men. But these men would not all  
be equally valuable as soldiers.  
There would be great differences in  
the quantity and quality of their  
equipment. Vast sums—in propor-  
tion to the national Budget—have  
been spent in recent years on arma-  
ments and equipment. But Ru-  
mania's army remains similar in  
type to Poland's rather than to the  
armies of Germany or the Western  
democracies. Her air force, recently  
reinforced by British bombers, num-  
bers about 600 machines.Rumania, too, resembles Poland  
in being an agricultural rather than  
an industrial country. She is not  
sufficiently industrialised to produce  
adequate arms and equipment for  
her forces. She must depend to a  
large extent on outside supplies, and  
without them she would be helpless  
against vast mechanised attacks.Her resistance, it attacked, must  
depend on how the British and  
French guarantees are fulfilled. To  
give her direct military assistance  
would be extremely difficult—but  
extremely valuable.The knowledge that any invasion  
of Rumania is almost bound to de-  
velop into a race between Germany  
and Russia for the oilwells may  
deter either from undertaking it.  
But if she is attacked there would  
be no better way of enforcing our  
blockade, and so hastening the end  
of the war, than by giving Rumania  
active assistance in denying her re-  
sources to our enemies.



## ROOSEVELT WARNING

### European Peace Must Be Lasting

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"The co-operative peace of the Western hemisphere was not created by wishing and it will require more than words to maintain it," declared President Roosevelt when addressing the Pan-American Union here to-day.

"We have only asked the world to go with us in the path of peace," he continued. "But we shall be able to keep that way only if we are prepared to meet force with force, if the challenge is ever given."

Earlier in his speech, President Roosevelt said that what had happened in the Old World directly and powerfully affected the peace and well-being of the New World. It was for this reason that they had adopted this procedure enabling them to meet any eventuality.

"At Lima," he said, "we agreed to stand together to defend and maintain the absolute integrity of every American nation from any attack, direct or indirect, from beyond the seas."

"At Panama we worked out ways and means for keeping the war away from this hemisphere. I pray God we shall not have to do more than that. But should it be necessary, I am convinced that we should be wholly successful."

"The inner strength of a group of free people is irresistible when they are prepared to act."

**The Value Of Love**  
"I affirm that life must be based on positive values. The value of love will always be stronger than the value of hate, since any nation or group of nations which employs hatred eventually is torn to pieces by hatred within itself."

"The value of belief in humanity is always stronger than the value of belief in force because force at last turns inward and if that occurs each man or group of men is finally compelled to measure his strength against his own brother."

At the commencement of his speech, President Roosevelt said that peace between the American nations remained secure owing to the instruments they had created, embodying in a great measure the principles on which enduring peace must be based throughout the world.

Peace reigned in the Western hemisphere, he said, because each nation had agreed to respect the integrity and independence of the others, because they have agreed as neighbours should, to mind their own business and renounced the right to interfere with each other's domestic affairs, because they had agreed to settle any dispute by friendly negotiation rather than by force.

Peace reigned also because they had recognised the principle that only through mutually beneficial international and economic relations could each have adequate access to materials and opportunities which were necessary to the rising level of the economic well-being of their peoples.

**Democracies**  
"We of this hemisphere do not need to seek a new international order," he said. "We have already found it. This was not done by hysterical cries or violent movements of troops. We did not stamp out nations, capture governments or uproot innocent people from their homes. We did not invent the absurd doctrine of race supremacy or claim dictatorship through universal revolution."

**Press Support**  
NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"New York Times" editorial supports President Roosevelt's blunt condemnation of the German action up the Rhine. "American neutrality does not imply cowardly silence in the face of brutal invasion of small countries. The President has expressed the feelings of an overwhelming majority of our people," says the paper.

Another "New York Times" editorial on the Scandinavian merchant marine says: "Hitler has generously handed back to the Allies more than all of their merchant shipping tonnage sunk by German submarines and mines since the start of the war."

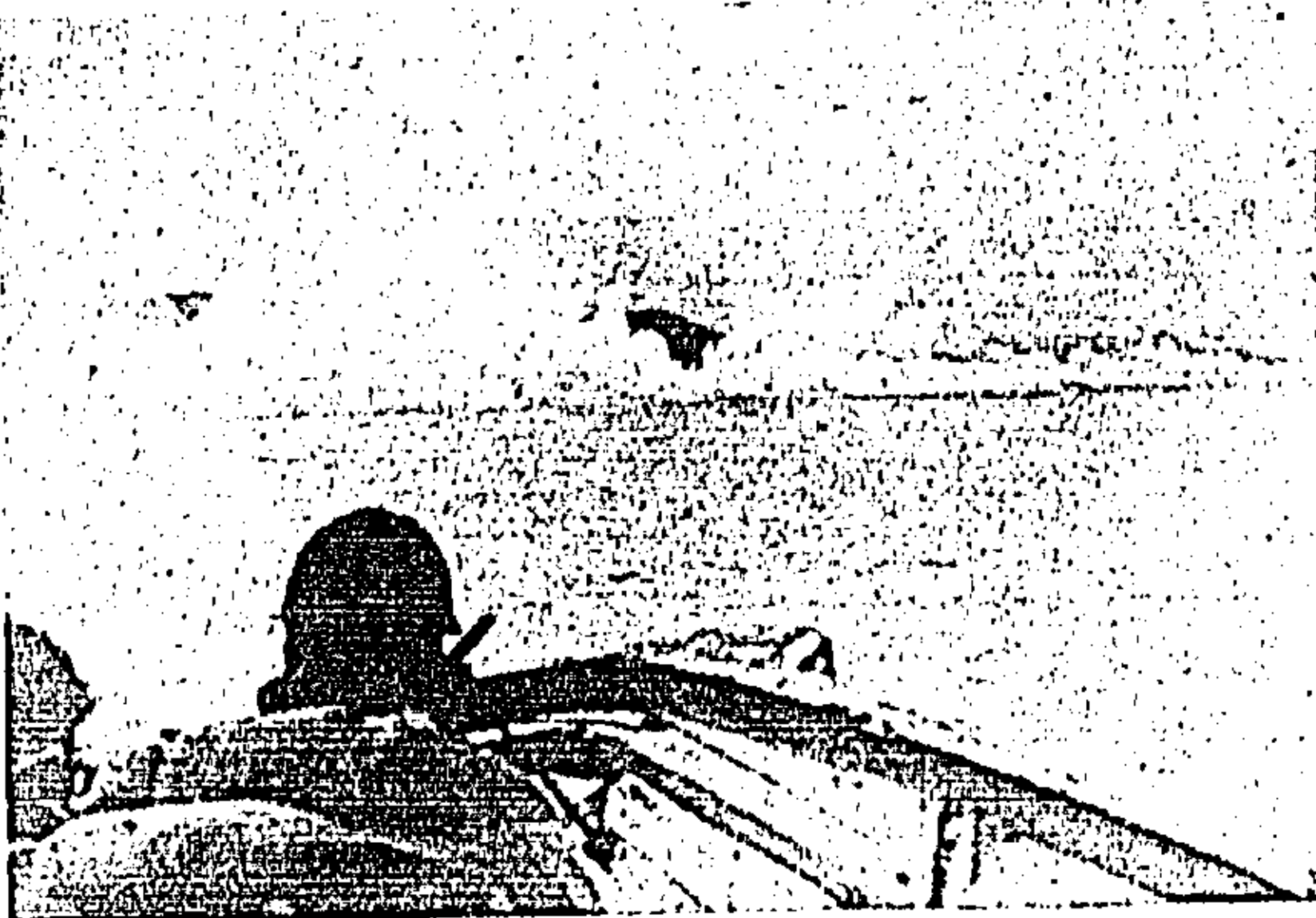
**U.S. And War**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"I hope and think that we are going to keep out of this," Admiral Stark said in the past the United States had entered every war unprepared but the lack of preparation had never deterred the American people from deciding as war when they felt the necessity for it had arrived nor were they likely to be so deterred in future.

"It certainly seems essential to-day very much more than in 1922 to support at least a 5-5-3 ratio," he added.

## PRINCE BISMARCK AS DIPLOMAT

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced that Prince Bismarck, at present head of the political department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed First Counsellor to the German Embassy in Rome, and Second Counsellor at the Embassy, Herr von Plessen, has been given the rank of Minister.

The official German news agency comments: "The strengthening of our diplomatic representation in Rome is a new sign of the active co-operation of the two Axis powers and demonstrates the particular importance which Fascist Italy has in the foreign relations of the Reich."



DURING THE recent Japanese landing in the Chungshan district near Macao, smoke-screens were employed to hide the movements of the invaders.—Domei.

## BRITISH ENTRY INTO NARVIK

(Official Confirmation By B.B.C.)

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The news of the British capture of Narvik and the surrounding country was broadcast to the Norwegian people by the B.B.C. in a message in the Norwegian news bulletin this evening.

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).—"The Dagbladet Nyheter" says the Norwegians have confirmed that the British fleet destroyed all German warships which remained in Narvik Harbour after hard fighting.

The British forces included the battleship Warspite and some cruisers which chased the last German destroyers into the narrow Rombasund Fjord, where they were sunk by gunfire.

Norwegian troops are ready to occupy Narvik any hour as mobilisation has been completed in the north. A new German attempt to land troops is impossible.

Norwegian troops are concentrated north and west of Narvik, ready for a final attack against the surrounded German forces.

Meanwhile, the local radio states that the German attack on Kongsvinger continues but the Norwegians are consolidating their position miles to the westward.

Fierce fighting is continuing at Hegre, east of Trondheim. Norwegian troops have withdrawn from Skarnes and the Germans have captured a new bridge over the river Flommen.

**Nazis Lose Iron**  
LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—By the British occupation of Narvik, the Germans are deprived of about one-third of their total ore supplies, but their loss is even greater than this, stated an iron and steel expert.

This expert told "Reuter" that since the war began, the total effective iron-making resources of Germany have been cut by a full half. They must have the rich iron ore from Scandinavia to mix with their own low-grade mineral to permit operation of the basic Bessemer or Thomas process, which is the foundation of their steel industry in normal times.

The expert said that the Germans have only one way of countering the Narvik blow and that is by ruthless collection of scrap even to the point of disorganising general industry by lifting secondary railway lines and pulling down structures.

**Norwegians Resist**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Army is fighting stubbornly to hold up the German drive towards the Swedish frontier, north-west of Oslo.

The Germans are now believed to be six miles from Kongsvinger. Many hundreds of Norwegians have been killed in this sector, states the Kongsvinger correspondent of the "Aften Bladet."

A large concentration of German troops is also reported in the region of Skarnes, 12 miles west of Kongsvinger and one of the key points on the Norwegian front.

**Landing At Lofoten Is.**  
PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Le Temps" states that the Lofoten Islands, opposite Narvik, is one of the points at which the British Expeditionary Force has landed.

**LONDON STOCK MARKET FIRM**  
LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly firm with the prices in most sections tending to improve despite the paucity of business.

The final payment on the new Three Per Cent. War loan was made to-day.

Over £100,000,000 changed hands but without any disturbance to the money market. Adequate preliminary arrangements were previously made in order to facilitate the operation.

Wall Street was steady.

**Admiral Scheer's Probable Fate**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In connection with news that the Admiral Scheer was hit by one or possibly two British torpedoes, naval observers here are of the opinion that if she has not actually gone to the bottom she will certainly be out of use for some months.

The Graf Spee battle in the River Plate showed the pocket-battleship has to sacrifice heavy armour.

## LETTERS

'Erbert 'Iggs Again

To The Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph" deer mister editor—that was a good bit you ad in the telegraf the uver day about ships motes

it put me in mind of wot my pal bert miffin told me abart the "R" class submarines in the last war (1914-1918) i meen you ave to be careful wot war you talks abart now (dont yer)

bert told me one of the "R" boats ad motto "It's First" but the skipper ad motto "It's Last" becuz they ung it outside a place wot was very ard to get into

then there was anuver boat wot ad motto "If" and a bloke arsked one of the lads if e knew wot it meent

yussir sez the lad it meens "chief's tots the best IF you kin git it"

torbin abart tots i erd the uver day abart a honkong lady wot went aboard H.M.S.—(s-s-s-sh) and when she came ashore she went in the honkong hotel to wash er and abt

all bungs was there anoooper abart ter get sum dope for the noospapers and erd er say on deer dew know i ave been aboard the ship an ad sixteen of them deer little tots wot the sailors ave an i feels quite dizzy

theres some nice ladies in honkong alnt there mister editor i wish an e could get old of a couple an e could get a feelin i wll ave to go in fer one of them mixed marriages the morning post as been advertising

yores trewly

ps: old alf took a party up the blknk post last night—e couldnt ave been on the level could e?

**No Cause For Anxiety**

**Britain's Food Position Again Analysed**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Further indication of the likely effects of the invasion of Denmark on the British food situation was given by a Ministry of Food official to-day.

He said that Britain has sufficient supplies of butter and bacon in cold storage to remove any anxiety for the immediate future. Moreover, production overseas has well started, especially in Canada, and imports from Eire and other parts of the Empire have increased.

**Food Minister Confident**  
The position in the more distant future necessarily will be affected by the shipping position and it cannot be expected that it will be possible to replace the 100 per cent. supplies which were cut off from the Scandinavian countries. Nevertheless the Ministry of Food is confident that there will be ample supplies of these commodities arriving from overseas, which, with the home production, will be sufficient to keep the public and the services in full health and vigour.

**SHARP LOCAL FIGHTING**

PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—To-day's communique says that there were sharp local engagements, one to the east of the Meuse and the other at the frontier of Palatinat, between enemy detachments and two of our reconnaissance parties.

**BRITISH LOSSES IN NORTH SEA**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—British naval losses in the North Sea operations are only four destroyers, it was affirmed in authoritative quarters in London when questioned about the German claim that British losses were at least four battleships, eight cruisers and 11 destroyers.

## ITALIAN "EXERCISES"

### Manoeuvres As Warning To Allies?

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Reports are current here that the first and second Italian naval squadrons started their Spring exercises to-day.

Official quarters stated to-night that no information was available about the movements of the ships.

Actually both squadrons have been on partial manoeuvres since the middle of March.

It is apparent that the extent of the present manoeuvres is a cruise to Durazzo by the first squadron and a cruise from Spezia to Genoa and round Sicily by the second squadron.

In diplomatic circles it is felt that the movements should be regarded as a measure to assist Germany by warning the Allies that the Mediterranean cannot be depleted of units to reinforce those in the North Sea.

## Singing New Tune

### Difficulties In Norway Admitted By Nazis

BRUSSELS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The German Press is already beginning to talk of the difficulty of operations in Norway.

The "Montag" says: "We must reckon on further continuation of British attacks against Narvik," and adds: "The German High Command knew that war in Northern Europe would not be child's play. Such an action cannot be assured without losses and without massive use of all German arms."

**Jubilant Disappoints**  
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The note of jubilation over the events in Norway has completely disappeared from the German press and efforts are being made to prepare the public for the loss of Narvik.

While official circles freely admit that the German Navy has suffered heavy losses, they deny that they are so big as the British claim.

**Usual Cover-Up Tactics**  
BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Germans are resorting to their usual tactics in order to cover up their losses.

The evening papers on Sunday contained allegations about defenceless German sailors at Narvik being shot at in the water. The accounts did not say how the sailors came to be in the water.

The Germans have not published anything about the German losses at Narvik and merely mention that strong British forces are blockading the port.

These tactics have been used before, as, for instance, in the case of the Graf Spee. A ridiculous story of a neutral ship was used to cover up the loss of the Altmark. German seamen were said to have been murdered by the British.

**Little More Intelligent**  
A more intelligent attempt to prepare Germans for bad news is made by the "Frankfurter Zeitung," which warns its readers that when an attack comes, it will be conducted with firmest determination.

The paper says, however, that the air force is really the important factor, and that the German fleet has behind it the strongest air force in the world. The paper does not write that half the German fleet has been sunk, nor that the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm have already had remarkable successes in Norway.

**Sweden's "State Of Preparedness"**

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—What is described as "a state of preparedness" against aerial attack has been proclaimed in certain parts of southern and western Sweden.

It will come into force to-morrow.

**Air Raid Precautions**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Swedish air raid precaution measures are being extended to cover most of the country.

On Sunday Swedish anti-aircraft batteries, after firing warning shots, brought down a German plane, which flew over the west coast.

Another Nazi plane landed owing to petrol shortage. Its crew are now interned.

**Oil Requisitioned**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A Government decree requisitions all mineral and oil in Sweden.

**FOREIGN PLANES OVER HOLLAND**

THE HAGUE, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced that anti-aircraft guns opened fire and air patrols went up against French and German aeroplanes which were sighted over Dutch territorial waters yesterday.

Protests have been made to London, Paris and Berlin.

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It was learned here to-night that it is not yet certain whether Mr. Chamberlain will make a statement to the House of Commons to-morrow.

## SWEDEN IMPRESSED

### Swiftiness Of Allied Operation

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—News of the landing of British troops in Norway has caused a sensation in Sweden. The speed of the operation, considering the natural difficulties of the coastline, has made a deep impression.

Everyone is asking how the British have been able to establish bases on the coast—and where.

Narvik is thought to be too far north. It is believed that the troops must have landed much farther south in order to provide urgently required assistance.

Greatest concern is felt here with regard to the situation in Norway and hopes are expressed that the British have been able to land in time effectively to hold up the invasion.

## Precautions By Neutrals

### Luxembourg Forbids Crowds To Gather

LUXEMBOURG, April 15 (Reuter).—A Police regulation is issued forbidding groups of over three people in the streets after nightfall.

Any meetings in private places, in which foreigners principally participate, must be notified to the Police beforehand.

The civil guards recently established at Luxembourg and Esch now help to guard public buildings and streets during the night.

**Swedish Precautions**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).—Stockholm Radio announces by Government order "air protection" regulations including blackout measures which will be enforced in certain districts of Sweden beginning at noon on Tuesday.

The districts involved are Gothenburg, the most southern district of Sweden, Wernland Province in the west and the island of Gotland.

**ANGLO-BALKAN PARLEYS END**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The conversations between the British Ministers of the Balkans and Foreign Office officials ended this evening.

The Ministers are expected to return to their posts within a few days. The conversations have given satisfaction in various departments concerned and the way is now open for a British drive to strengthen the existing links between the peoples of the Balkans and the Western democracies.

**Nazis' Navigation Warning**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The official German wireless this evening repeatedly broadcast an "important" warning—stating that "it must be reckoned that all lights and beacons on the southern coast of Sweden will be extinguished."

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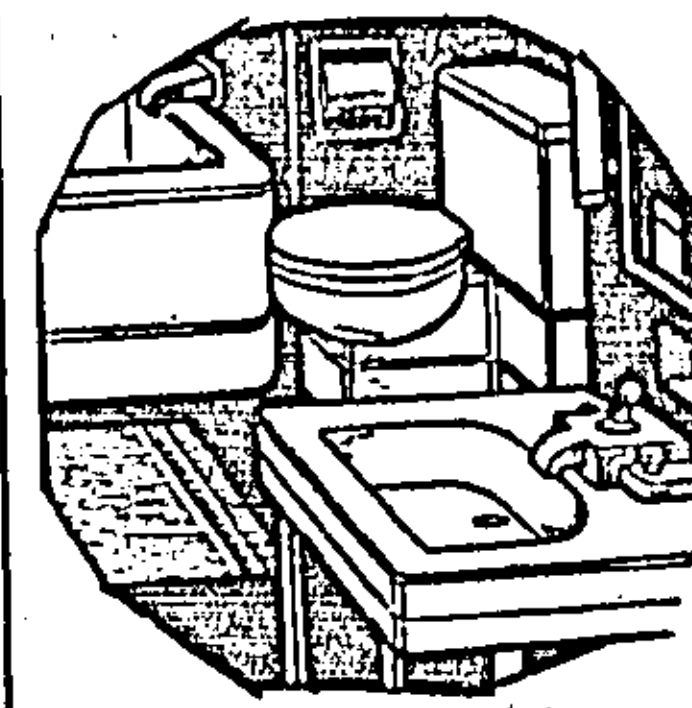
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# "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

## PLAY-OFF IN JUNIOR DIVISION

### Indians And Police Tie For Honours: Club de Recreio Fail

THERE WERE TWO VITAL GAMES in the Junior League cricket on Saturday last, and as it turned out a tie has resulted. The Recreio were in a very strong position as they had a very good chance of winning the Shield had they beaten I.R.C. second eleven. The batting on both sides was so weak that a draw was unlikely. A victory would have meant that they had to beat the Army second eleven to win the Shield, and to draw with them to tie with the Police. But they lost.

Police and I.R.C. second have to play off, I presume upon a neutral ground. On the whole, I fancy the chances of the Police, especially if Fay turns out for them.

To deal with the less interesting match first, the Police were all over Craigenpower. Pope (94) was unlucky to miss his century, and no less than five other batsmen got double figures, while the innings was declared at 188 for six wickets. Pope having had his share, Lewis proceeded to carry off the bowling honours, and his figures of 7.5-4-13-6 speak for themselves. Craigenpower were skittled out for 56 of which Hanson made 24, and N. Broadbridge was the only other batsman to get double figures. I regret to learn that Stephens injured his shoulder rather badly in making a sensational catch. He is one of the most enthusiastic cricketers I know and I wish him a speedy recovery.

#### A Close Thing

AT THE RECREIO ground however things were very different, and the result was in doubt up to the last ball. The I.R.C. can thank Razack's steadiness for their win, while the Recreio lost because their bowlers sent down far too many balls on this leg side. Much more than half the total came from these.

I did not arrive in time to see Recreio bat, but at the start of the Indians' innings I thought they were going to have very little trouble. Barma and K. M. Rumjahn kept very straight bats and proceeded to clip Razack's drive steadily and again things looked good for the Indians until Barma played a cross bat for the first time in his innings, playing back to Gutters, and was bowled.

It was a sound move of Prata's to shift Gutters to the other end. T. Ali and A. H. Sufiad went in quick succession, and with five down for thirty-three things seemed to have swung Recreio's way. Scores of 8, 7, and 10 do not sound very epoch-making, but M. A. Abbas, A. R. Makar and A. H. Ismail in making them saved the match, holding on grimly while Razack kept the other end going and collected runs here and there, mostly, as I have said from leg balls. A. H. Ismail shaped

#### A Good Change

PRATA put himself on and got Markar with his first ball and things looked up, but Ismail virtually finished things. Curiously enough all three of the batsmen I mentioned above got out playing across the line of the ball. The runs crept up with Areull in until it was a tie, and Razack ended the game with a four to long leg.

#### Champions vs. Rest

THE GAME AT THE K.C.C. rather stressed the lack of bowling in the Colony. The Rest turned out as selected except that Nazarin was unable to turn out, and A. R. Kitchell filled his place. The Kowloon stalwarts as usual produced runs, Anderson (28), Mackay (32), E. F. Fincher (40) and A. Zimmermann 34 not out, his best score for some time.

Fincher, who was also not out, played some beautiful shots and seems to deal with Minu better than anyone in the Colony. But the placing of the field could have been better as Fincher's drive between long off and extra cover should have been blocked by moving extra much straighter.

Gegg, I was told bowled very steadily at first, but when he went on to bowl the second time the placing of the field—he is on the fast side of medium—was extraordinary, and he can only regard it as a confession that he was sure neither of his direction nor his length. He had a long off, a very deep mid-on and a fine leg, a forward leg and a deep square left and only one slip!

For a bowler of his pace, if accurate, the deep square leg and the fine leg should have been unnecessary, and could have gone to second slip and backward point or gully. As it turned out he bowled very poorly. K.C.C. declared with 158 up for 4 wickets—none too brilliant a performance.

#### A Slow Start

THE REST started very slowly and runs were hard to find but the bowling was worn down. Lee, by the

#### Tournament Tennis

### RUMJAHN IN SEMI-FINAL

### J. W. Leonard Defeated 6-1, 6-4 In Open Singles Tournament

(By "Tinker")

IN STRAIGHT SETS, and by scores of 6-1, 6-4, S. A. Rumjahn entered the semi-finals of the Hongkong Open Tennis Singles Tournament at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, eliminating J. W. Leonard. It was a game of few thrills.

After winning the first set in a way that made him appear far and away the more superior player, S. A. Rumjahn ran into a 5-1 lead in the second set before Leonard staged a very fine recovery and determined effort to take that set, at least. It was not a case of Rumjahn having relaxed so much as Leonard commenced showing control over his shots.

For five games in this second set, the spectators were treated to a better kind of tennis. Both employed the top-spin, but Rumjahn brought out a surprisingly strong and accurate backhand. His shots from that corner of the court, and with the surface of the court somewhat slippery, those shots were hard to return. Leonard was trapped into presenting the easiest of kills at the net.

AS FAR AS I could count, only two lobs were used in the whole match. Both were by Rumjahn. Leonard showed a definite preference for the baseline, but it was not until late that he showed anything like control of direction. His service was pitifully weak.

Rumjahn was the more agile of the two. He jumped up to the net as often as he could. The smash, too, found little favour with either player. Rumjahn gained all his points at the net by tucking them away in inaccessible corners.

He will not meet his cousin, H. D. Rumjahn in the semi-final.

#### Club Championship

M. PAGH entered the final of the Club Singles Championship by beating D. M. MacDougall by 6-1, 7-5, and will now meet B. C. Fay for the title.

#### To-day's Match

In the Open Singles quarter-final today, Tsui Yan-pui meets Tennis Kwok on the Stand Court.

### Regional League Cup Re-plays

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The following were the results of re-plays in the English Regional League Cup first round matches played today:

Wallsall 8 Portvale 0  
Rotherham 1 Doncaster 0

#### Scottish

St. Bernard's 0 Hearts 2

#### Badminton

### St. John's Beat St. Teresa's In "B" Division

In a "B" Division badminton match last night, St. John's beat St. Teresa's by 3-1. The scores were: 11, Eardley and R. Beavan (St. John's) beat Peter Lo and Jos. Tsang (St. Teresa's) 21-18; 21-12; beat L. T. Yung and A. Ulrich 21-12; beat A. Ho and J. Lum 21-18; F. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's) beat Lo and Tsang 21-10; beat Yung and Ulrich 21-4; beat Ho and Lum 21-18.

N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Lo and Tsang 21-14; lost to Yung and Ulrich 15-21; beat Ho and Lum 21-17.

way, sent down seven overs for thirteen runs. L. G. Gosano went on to take his score to 49 and Kitchell (20) Webb (20) and Denyer (21) made it possible for the Rest to win. They had a reasonable time but their leaders completely lost their heads and played ridiculous shots. Fortescue, I gather, was under the impression the ball was dead when he went out of his ground to recover after playing forward, but he would have done well to wait until the ball was returned to the bowler! The draw was probably a fair result being a very good simulacrum of the season's scrappy.

## "Needle" Soccer Match At Boundary Road To-morrow

(By "Rex")

UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO, South China "A" was assured of the First Division League championship. Their recent unexpected reverses, however, have placed quite a new light on things, and there is much conjecture as to the outcome of the issue.

#### Football Fixtures For The Week

##### To-day

South China "B" vs. Navy (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### To-morrow

Kwong Wah vs. South China "A" (Boundary Rd.), 5 p.m.

##### SECOND DIVISION

R.E. vs. 30th R.A. (second replay for runners-up) (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m.

##### THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. vs. Electric (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### Thursday

South China "A" vs. South China "B" (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

##### Saturday

Royal Scots vs. St. Joseph (Club), 2.45 p.m.

Middlesex vs. South China "B" (Club), 4.45 p.m.

Kwong Wah vs. Kowloon (Boundary Rd.), 4.45 p.m.

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Champions vs. The Rest of the

League (place and time to be announced later).

## NINE RECORDS BROKEN AT WAH YAN COLLEGE ANNUAL SPORTS

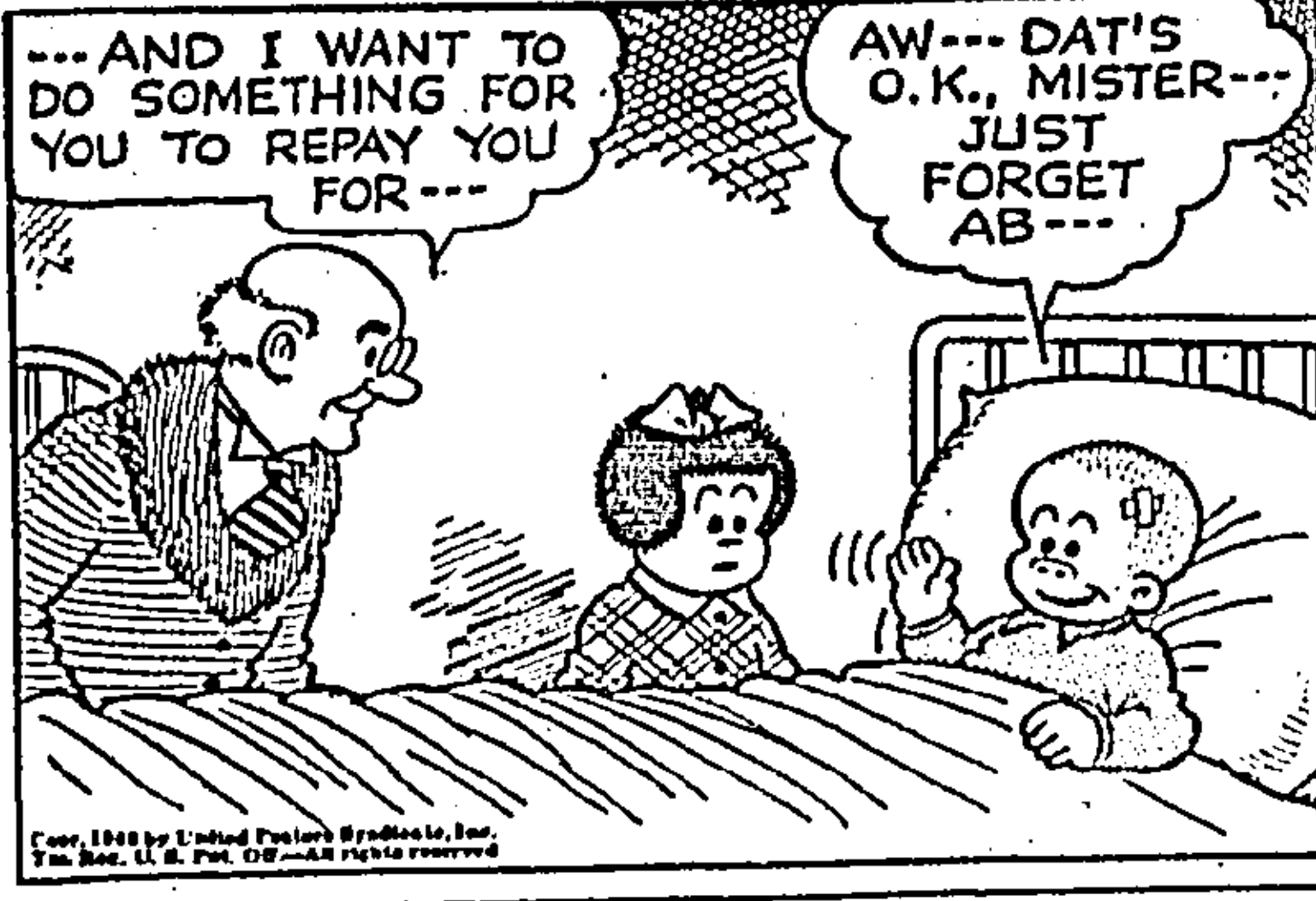
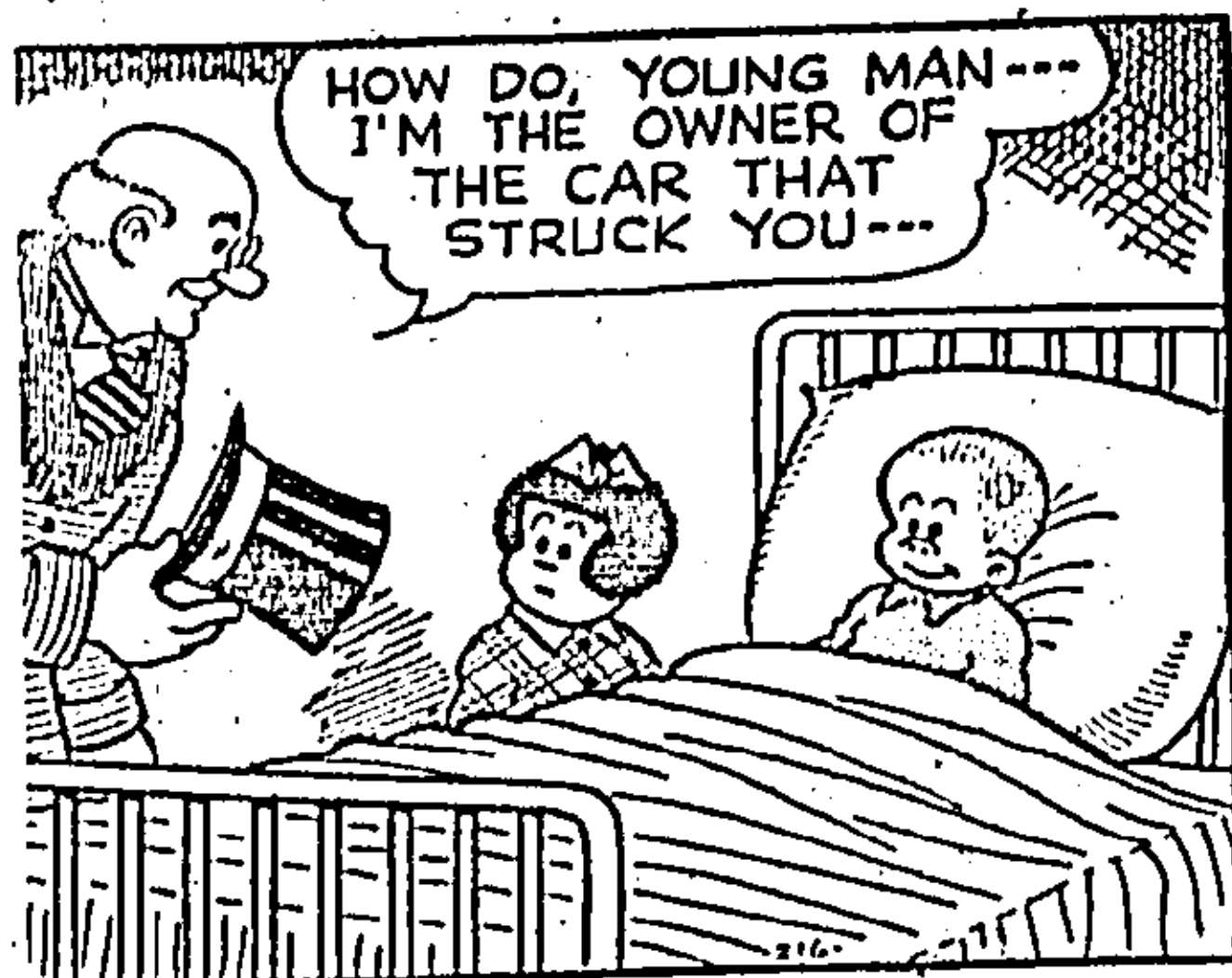
NINE RECORDS were broken and two equalled at the Wah Yan College Annual athletic sports meeting held at Caroline Hill yesterday. These were in the hop-step-and-jump (A grade), the shot-put (A and C grades), 100 metres (B grade), 200 metres (B grade), 400 metres (B grade), 800 metres (B grade), the high jump (A grade) and the 80 metres low hurdles (C grade). The records equalled were in the 100 metres (A grade) and the long jump (B grade).

In topping the bar at 5 feet 7½ inches in the high jump, Fong Chi-hung equalled the inter-School record.

The results were:  
Hop, Step and Jump (A grade)—1. Wan Koi-hing (Brown); 2. Chung Shiu-lai (Brown); 3. Chung Shiu-lai (Brown). Distance, 41 ft. 4 1/2 ins. (Record).  
Shot-put (A grade)—1. Wan Koi-hing (Brown); 2. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 3. Tsui Wing-tse (White). Distance, 39 ft. 2 1/2 ins.  
Shot-put (C grade)—1. Cheong Chuk-tung (Red); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Blue); 3. Setao Hing-tun (Yellow). Distance, 18 ft. 4 1/2 ins. (Equal record).  
High Jump (C grade)—1. Au Chiu-tim (Purple); 2. Jock Yip (Green); 3. Cheong Chuk-tung (Red). Height, 5 ft. 7 1/2 ins. (Record).  
Putting the Shot (C grade)—1. Cheong Chuk-tung (Red); 2. Cheong Chuk-tung (Red); 3. Wong Kwok-fai (Blue). Distance, 36 ft. 3 ins. (Record).  
100 metres (A grade)—1. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 2. Chan Yee-fong (Yellow); 3. Wong Yub-kwong (Black). Time 11 4/5 secs. (Equal record).  
200 metres (B grade)—1. Wan Koi-hing (Red); 2. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 3. Au Chiu-tim (Purple). Time 24 1/2 secs. (Record).  
400 metres (B grade)—1. Wan Koi-hing (Red); 2. Lai Chung-yin (Blue); 3. Au Chiu-tim (Purple). Time 50 1/2 secs. (Record).  
800 metres (B grade)—1. Au Chiu-tim (Purple); 2. Jock Yip (Green); 3. Cheong Chuk-tung (Red). Time 11 4/5 secs. (Equal record).  
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



## Careless Gossip May Have Sealed Fate of the Sultan Star

# The Enemy Inside Britain

## Nazi Ears Wide Open for Secrets Revealed in Casual Chatter

THE ENEMY inside Britain is on the alert with wide-open ears for secrets revealed in careless gossip. The Government has warned the nation of the dangers of what might be serious leakages of vital information.

Here, Alfred W. Ewing, son of Sir Alfred Ewing, famous chief of Room 40 O.B. (the Admiralty's secret deciphering department in the last war), tells how a chance remark can change the whole course of a war.

By ALFRED W. EWING

THOUSANDS of loyal British men and women are doing their best to help Germany win the war. They are not deliberate traitors. They are the careless talkers, the gossipers who prattle in public of official secrets. They talk openly because they think there is no danger in this country.

But the most dangerous of all Nazi arms is right here in Britain. It is the "Fifth Column" of Nazi sympathisers, of secret agents, of paid and unpaid helpers of Germany and Russia.

### What Gossip Cost Germany

If you think a few careless words do not matter, and that too much fuss is being made of the anti-gossip campaign organised by the Government, just consider these tremendous events of the last war:

A casual word led to the discovery of a gigantic plot which brought America into the war.

Indiscretion by one or two Germans cost them the battleship Blücher in 1915.

One instance of carelessness with confidential papers put German code books into our possession and enabled us to decipher messages of the German Government and High Command throughout the war.

EVERY ONE OF US MUST PUT A BRIDLE ON HIS TONGUE AND PAID OFF HIS LIPS. EVERY TITTLE OF NEWS ABOUT MEN, TROOPS, FACTORIES, SHIPS, TIMES OF SAILING, UNITS, PRICES, TYPES OF EQUIPMENT... IS VALUABLE TO THE ENEMY.

### A Scot Who Kept Mum

My father, a shrewd Scot, well knew the importance of keeping a secret. He even kept the nature of his work secret from me, his son.

Not until 1925, seven years after the Armistice, was it publicly revealed that he was the man in charge of Room 40 O.B.

Not by so much as a hint did he tell me what he was doing at the Admiralty. While I was on active service he once wrote to me:

"I can't tell you anything about my work just now. When the war is over there will be much to tell. Meanwhile, one can at least feel that it is useful in a quiet way."

It has been suggested that the sinking of the Sultan Star the other day was the direct result of careless chatter by members of the public who had inside information.

At Plymouth last week Lady Astor said: "Suppose that through some carelessness the Germans had got to know the exact time that the Exeter was coming. I have heard from people, some distance from Plymouth, who knew two days before that the Exeter was coming. I think it is criminal."

It was criminal. Just how criminal and dangerous may be judged by the experience of my father.

He was in charge of the secret deciphering department at the Admiralty. His main work was the decoding of wireless messages. His greatest helpers were the Germans and the German agents who could not keep their mouths shut.

For example, there was the sinking of the Blücher. TALK PICKED UP IN GERMANY BY BRITISH SECRET AGENTS GAVE THE FIRST HINT THAT THE GERMAN FLEET WAS ABOUT TO MOVE.

Intercepted wireless messages confirmed the gossip which the agents had reported. By these two means my father in Room 40 O.B. was able to plot the movements of the German ships.

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### Plot Exposed

Mr. Winston Churchill read the deciphered messages. Orders were flashed immediately to Admiral Jellicoe with the Grand Fleet, to Admiral Bontly with the battle-cruisers, to Commodore Tyrwhitt with the light cruisers and destroyers.

The result was the victory of the Dogger Bank.

Careless talk brought America into the war on the side of the Allies.

The German Minister in Mexico had a chat with the Swedish Minister in that country. There was much talk of high politics.

and the Swedish Minister was promised a German order. But somebody else heard about that.

This leakage of information led to further examination of the German Minister's activities. Gossip led to suspicion and investigation.

A German plot was exposed. Germany was making an offer to Mexico for an alliance against the United States.

Room 40 O.B. published its discovery and American opinion, swayed by indignation and fury, swept that country into the war against Germany.

## Thousands Stormed Doors To Hear His Brother: Then—

# HE INVENTED THE THEATRE QUEUE

SEVENTYSEVEN-YEAR-OLD Mr. Charles Ingle—brother of the great Albert Chevalier and the man who invented the theatre queue and composed the music-hall star's songs—has died at his home at Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr. Ingle, whose real name was August Chevalier, wrote the music of "My Old Dutch" and "Knocked 'Em in the Old Kent Road."

He used to recall how, when his brother sang "My Old Dutch," husbands and wives in the audience would put their arms around one another, so affected were they by the sentiments of the song.

Albert Chevalier made his first hit in 1891, and from 1893 to 1914, with Mr. Ingle as his manager, he covered the whole of the country in six-month tours of one-night shows, giving recitals in cities, towns and villages.

"Stand in a Line" This is how Mr. Ingle invented the theatre queue. Great crowds always flocked to see Albert Chevalier, and at Cardiff Mr. Ingle asked the police to get the crowd to "stand in a line" and take their turn. The police lined them in a three abreast queue.

That was after an experience in Edinburgh where, in the largest hall, about 7,000 people stormed the doors, knocking the police down and smashing glass panels. Hats, stockings, coats and shirts were torn off in the struggle.

Mr. Ingle's son, Albert Chevalier, keeps his uncle's name alive on the stage.

## WOODEN PLANES ARE ON ORDER

Use of wooden airplanes for training in the R.A.F. is suggested by the placing of an order for 250 machines with a London furniture manufacturer.

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THE Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth as she steamed into New York harbour at the end of the strangest maiden voyage any ship has made.

## BIG HOLLYWOOD FORTUNES FOR FILM AUTHORS

Film companies paid over £152,000 to authors for screen rights to published novels in 1939, according to a Hollywood studio estimate.

"The Grapes of Wrath" drew £17,500 for its author, John Steinbeck. Two other books, "Escape" and "Tree of Liberty," netted £15,000 and £13,750 respectively for their creators.

Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca" was sold to have cost £12,500 to the studio. So, also, did "All This and Heaven, Too" and "Disputed Passage."

But none of them can touch the M.G.M. deal for General Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur." The studio bought this story on a deal allowing the copyright owner 50 per cent of the film's gross takings. It brought them nearly £500,000.

## THREE SONS IN ARMY (Her Home Is Saved)

A WOMAN carrying a baby walked into Swansen County Court recently.

She was late, and it was explained to her that an order for possession of her house in 28 days had been made in default.

Possession of the house had been sought by Swansen Corporation on the ground that the tenant owed £18 rent.

Another case was being heard when the woman arrived.

"The boys are gone," she told the judge.

"I could pay when they were home, but now they are in the Army," Turning to the solicitor, Judge Frank Davies said:—

"I am not going to make an order if that is the case."

"She should have one chance with one son in the Army—with three sons, she is perhaps entitled to three chances."

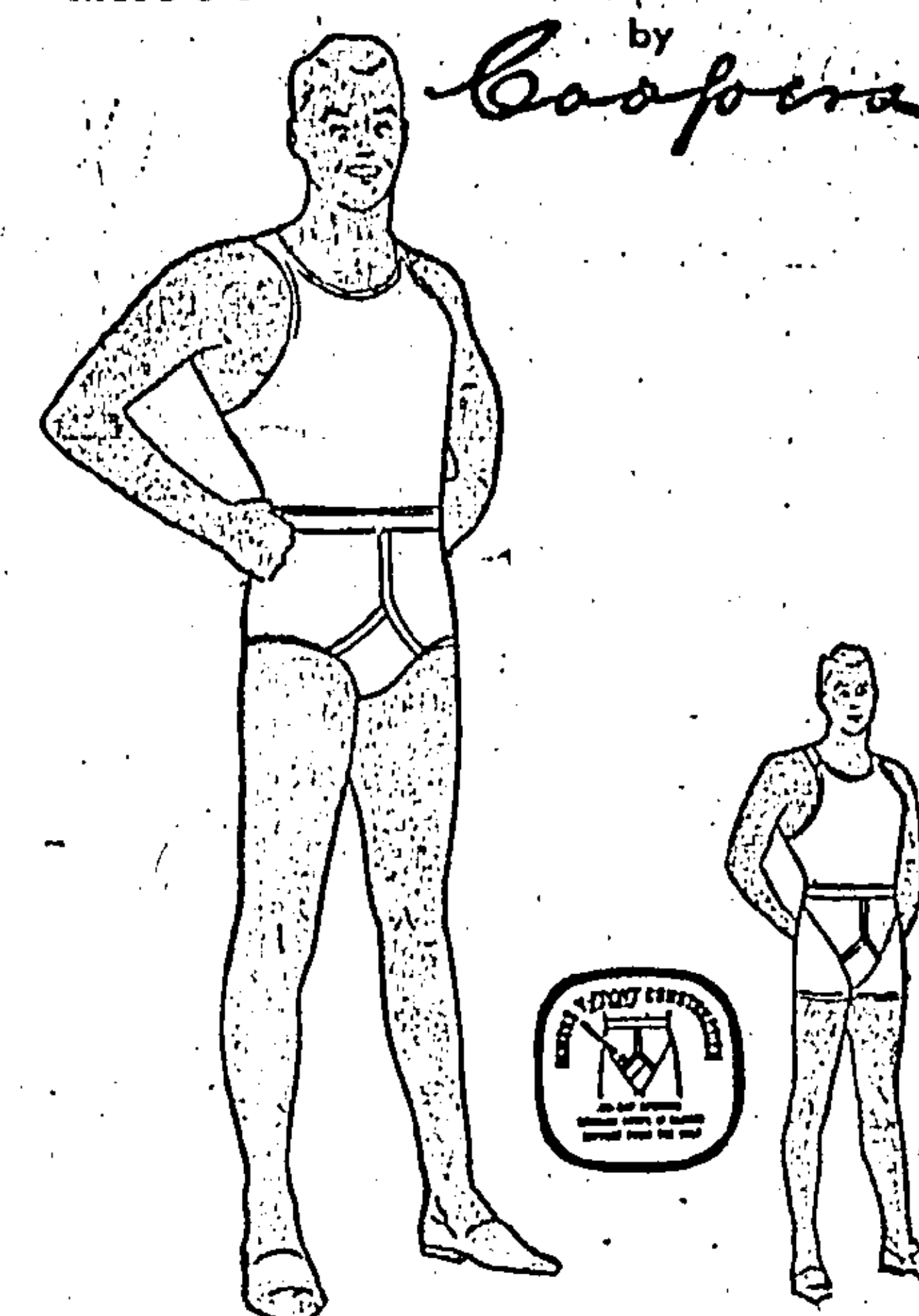
The Corporation withdrew the application on the woman undertaking to pay the current rent.

### ENGINEER'S LECTURE

Modern Building Methods By Mr. H. Braga

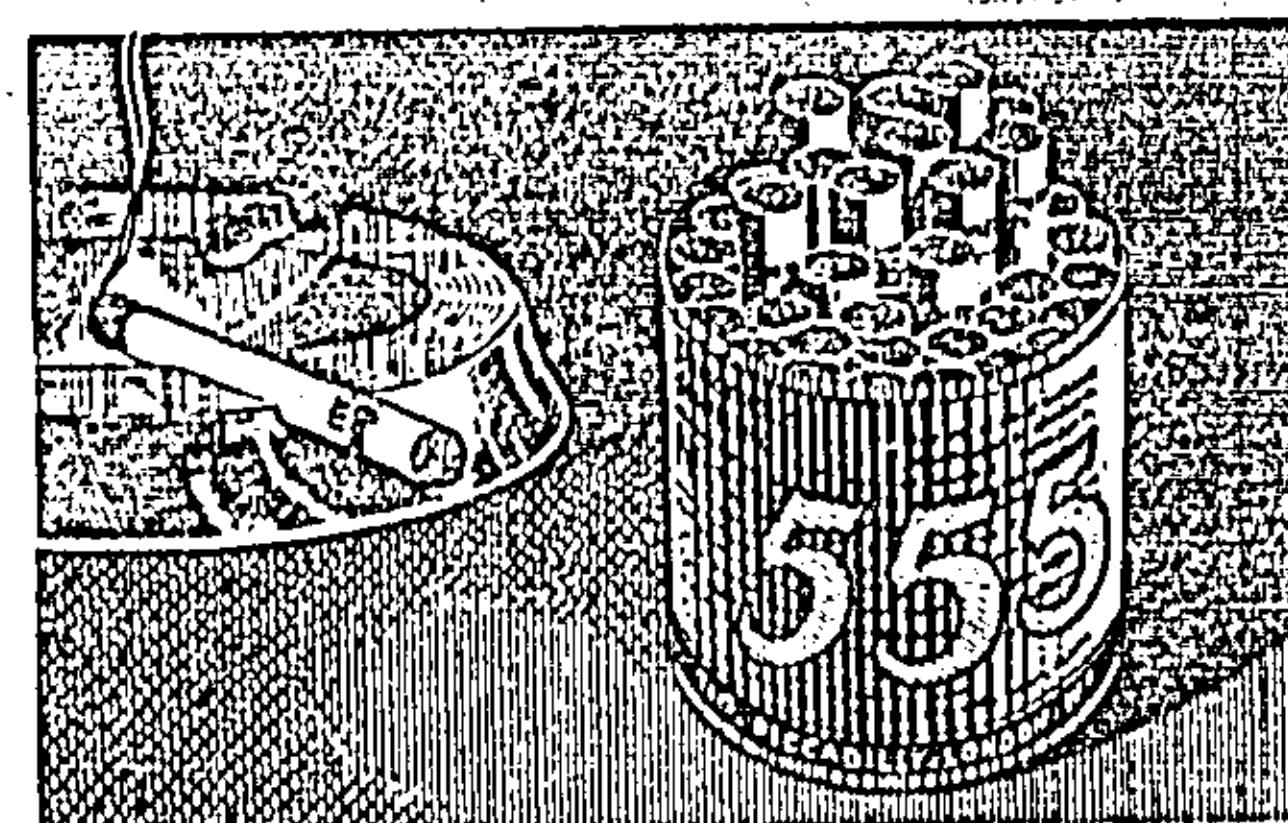
A lecture was delivered before the University Engineering Society last night on modern methods of building construction, by Mr. H. Braga, General Works Manager of the Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. The lecture was illustrated by a cinema film of the erection of a reinforced concrete godown for the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. in 98 days. The building was erected to the design of Mr. S. E. Faber.

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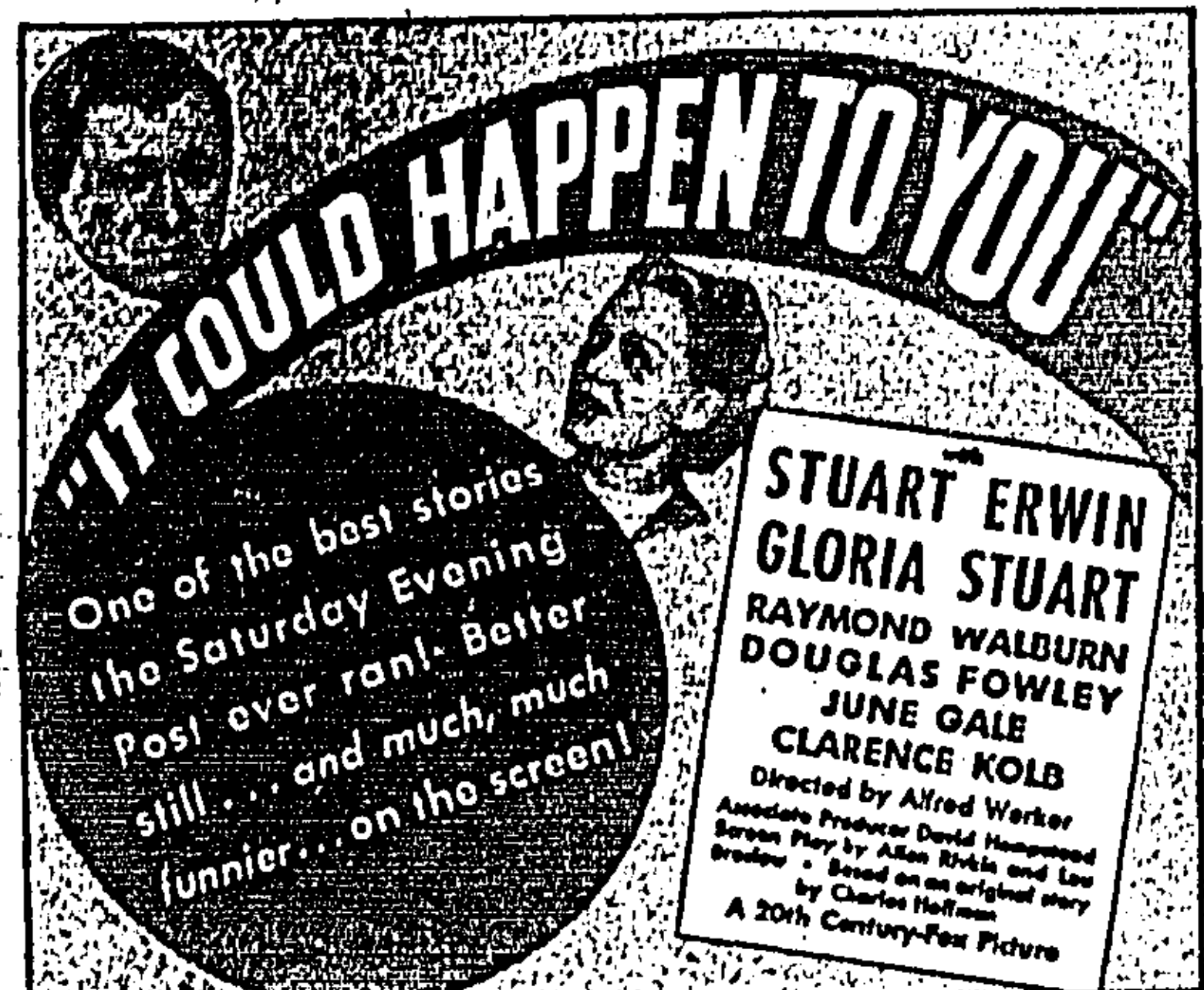
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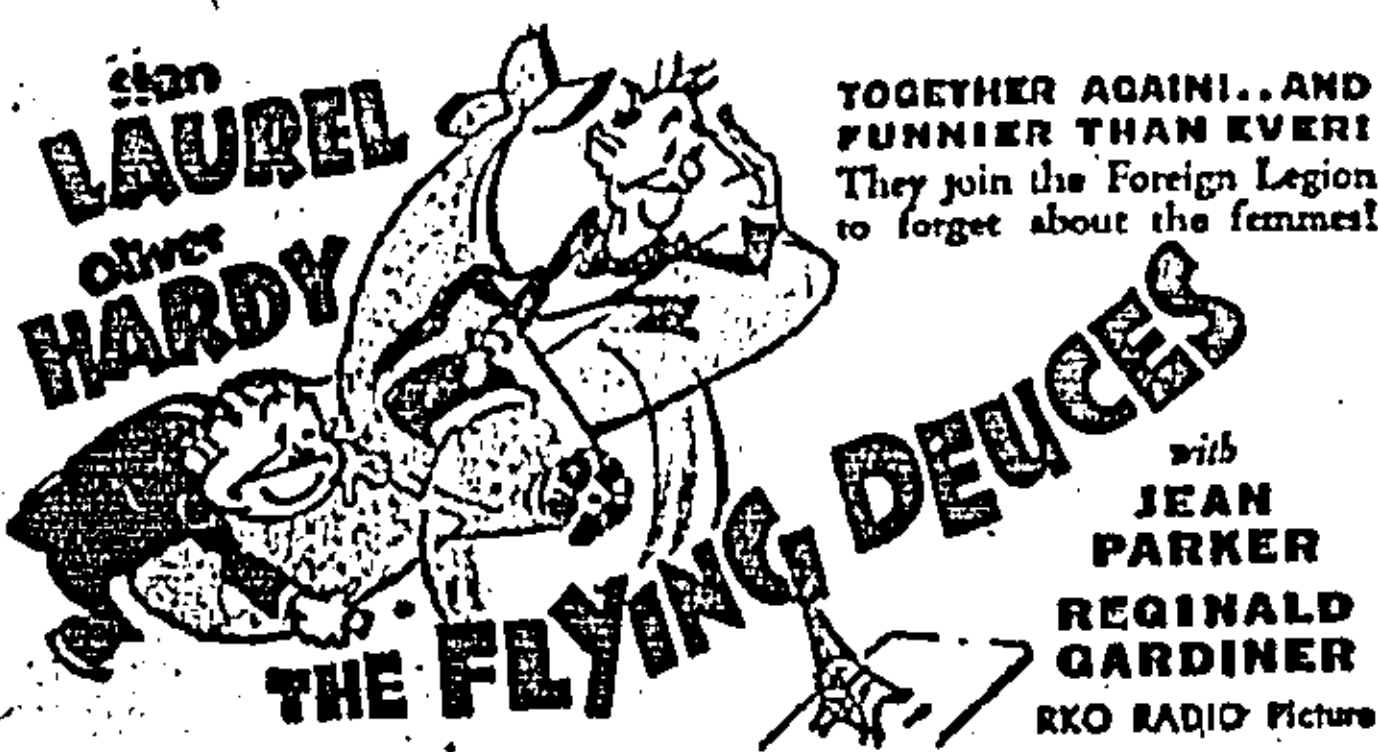
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## GAYDA HITS OUT AGAIN

Now Tirade Against French Policy

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda's article to-night accuses France of pursuing an anti-Italian policy since the Treaty of Versailles.

He adds that France, which is poorer in manpower than Italy, possessed liberty of action in both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, whereas the centre of Italian life is the Mediterranean.

France's policy and positions in the Mediterranean protect not only national but imperial interests. Italy recognises these interests, but cannot agree to their constituting a system of hegemony which superimposes itself upon the elementary needs of the life of other nations.

Press Attitude  
ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian press is adopting an equivocal attitude towards the war in the North. Most of the papers are showing considerable ingenuity in trying to present a picture favourable to Germany and unfavourable to the Allies.

At the same time there is a reminder that a great German victory is not yet decisive.

## Secret Navy Story Denied

Japanese Spokesman's Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Apr. 15 (Domel).—The spokesman of the Navy Office has dismissed the "New York Times" report of the construction of big dreadnaughts by Japan, as an attempt on the part of American "big navies" to stir up public opinion in support of further expansion of the American navy. The spokesman pointed out that the "New York Times" story appeared on the eve of the Senate's Navy Bill hearing.

According to a press message the "New York Times" in a front page article on April 14 said "Reliable information reaching Washington strongly indicates that Japan is about to present to the world one of the greatest surprises in naval history, namely, a fleet of super-warships greatly exceeding the United States battleship tonnage."

1942 Tonnage Forecast  
"It is believed that Japan has three or four 40,000-ton or 45,000-ton super-battleships ready for service, with at least four more super-ships to be completed around 1942."

The "New York Times" further reported that the United States first line battleship tonnage in 1942 is expected to be around 500,200 tons, compared with Japan's possible aggregate of 604,070 tons.

## WATCH ON ALIENS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Belgian Cabinet has decided to keep an increased watch on the activities of aliens in Belgium.

Rationing of meat is to be enforced as a result of the loss of supplies from Denmark, and one meatless day per week is to be instituted.

Concentration Camps  
PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—According to a Brussels telegram, following a meeting, the Belgian Cabinet which examined measures for the security of the state, particularly the problem of foreigners residing in Belgium, has decided to establish concentration camps at Huyselede for the internment of suspected aliens.

## Germans Burning Secret Documents

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Apr. 15 (Domel).—The German Legation in the Netherlands is burning its secret documents, according to a Press report from Amsterdam reaching here to-day.

## Death Of Old Resident

Capt. Thornhill Passes After 42 Years Here

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital this morning of Capt. John Samuel Alphonso McCann Thornhill, an old resident of the Colony.

Capt. Thornhill, who was 64 years of age, first came to Hongkong in 1898 as a Corporal of the 22nd Coy., Royal Engineers. He saw service throughout the Boxer Rebellion for which he was awarded the China Medal, and on his return to Hongkong he took over the management of the Soldiers' Club. He left the service 18 months later, maintaining his post at the Soldiers' Club as a civilian. He also became a contractor to the Royal Engineers' canteen until eight years afterwards when the Royal Engineers took it over themselves.

Capt. Thornhill remained manager of the Soldiers' Club until about ten years ago when the N.A.A.F.I. took over. He then joined the N.A.A.F.I. and remained with them until his death.

Served In France Last War  
An active Volunteer, Capt. Thornhill was one of the first men to join the old Hongkong Defence Force.

When the Great War broke out, he volunteered, was accepted and went to France as an officer of the Labour Corps. At the end of the war, he returned to Hongkong and rejoined the Volunteers as a Lieutenant. He was subsequently placed on the reserves as a Captain and eventually retired on account of ill health.

In his younger days, Capt. Thornhill was a keen sportsman and was known as one of the best sportsmen in Hongkong. He is survived by his widow, two married daughters, one of whom is in England, and a son, who is a cadet in the Hongkong Naval Volunteers Force.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the monument at 3.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

Mr. T. C. Turnbull Passes  
We have just been advised that Mr. T. C. (Gus) Turnbull, who was attached to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Hongkong Office, during 1914-1918, passed away at Montreal in his 50th year on March 11.

## Sir N. Henderson Lifts The Veil

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Neville Henderson's account of his two years as British Ambassador in Berlin was published yesterday in book form and is entitled "The Failure of a Mission."

In it, Sir Neville (who left Berlin on September 3, 1939), describes how he went to Germany convinced that the peace of Europe depended on an understanding between Britain and Germany. He recalls his constant attempts to win the confidence and sympathy of the Nazis and his conclusion that Hitler never intended the ultimate end to be anything other than war.

## Presents Credentials

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Gray, the new United States Minister to Elre, presented his credentials to Mr. Eamon de Valera to-day.

## STOCK-MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Enquiries are being made for scrip but negotiations are difficult. Neither buyers nor sellers are inclined to be accommodating.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,400
H.K. Steamships	\$10 1/2
H.K. Docks Cum. Div.	\$21.00
H.K. Docks X Div.	\$19.35
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H.K. Lands	\$20 1/2
H.K. Trans.	\$17 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7.50
Electricity	\$3 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$28 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$10
Dairy Farms	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$9 1/2
Win Powell	\$1 1/2
Sellers	
H.K. Docks Cum. Div.	\$22
H.K. Banks	\$1,400/05
H. & S. Hotels	\$3.10
H.K. Lands	\$20 1/2
H.K. Trans.	\$17 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7
Watsons	\$9.20

## NAZIS LOSE 100 SHIPS

Merchant Fleet Swept From The Seas

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Shipping circles estimate that Germany, most of whose merchant fleet has been immobilised in home and neutral ports since the beginning of the war, has now lost more than half the tonnage of which Great Britain, with ships always at sea, was deprived of by the German sea warfare.

British losses amount to 172 vessels with a total tonnage of just over 607,000.

Over 90 Known Sunk  
Before the Norwegian venture, Germany had lost 64 vessels aggregating 109,651 tons. To-day a conservative estimate puts her losses at 92 vessels, representing 37,000 tons, to which can probably be added eight other German ships torpedoed in convoy with unknown results.

Cargo Boats Minced  
GOTHENBURG, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Two German cargo boats are stated to have struck mines to-day off Marstrand. Both boats are badly damaged.

It is said that at least two German seaplanes were sunk during to-day's air raid by the British on Stavanger which was made in a snow-storm. Heavy bombs were dropped on the aerodrome.

## Death Of Mrs. Alec-Tweedie

Famous Woman Who Twice Visited Colony

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Mrs. Alec-Tweedie, that indefatigable "traveler, explorer, artist, writer, hostess and worker at many jobs and crafts," as "The Times" sums up her amazing industry and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Alec-Tweedie visited Hongkong in 1928 and again in 1934. On the last occasion she arrived on the Empress of Britain round-the-world cruise.

After her first visit to the Far East, Mrs. Alec-Tweedie established herself in a flat in Mayfair. She published four books and arranged two exhibitions of her pictures.

Remarkable Life  
Mrs. Alec-Tweedie was the daughter of Dr. George Harley, F.R.S., of Harley Street, London, and the widow of Alec-Tweedie. She found herself at 25 with two small sons to rear and educate and very little money with which to do it, so she turned to her pen.

Both boys were through their University when the World War started. The younger boy was killed near Ypres in 1916; the elder lost his life ten years later while flying in Trans-Jordan.

From then on Mrs. Alec-Tweedie carved out a new life for herself. She wrote, painted, travelled, entertained, served on committees and councils to numerous to mention, and won recognition in a dozen fields.

## READY FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Official Swedish circles to-day declared that the country is prepared for all eventualities. The Swedish Police have arrested many undesirable. All ships entering Swedish harbours are being rigorously searched.

## Loneliest Island Remembers Troops

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The loneliest island in the British Empire, Tristan da Cunha, has sent a parcel of comforts for the troops. The parcel took six months to get to England. It contains 50 articles, mostly socks, pull-overs and scarves knitted by the women of the island.

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## B.E.F. LANDING AT SEVERAL POINTS ON NORWEGIAN COAST

### NORWAY AS BASE FOR AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 15 (UP).—Authorized Nazi quarters unequivocally declared to-day that Germany will henceforth use the Norwegian coast as a base for aerial and U-Boat attacks on the British Isles.

The continued British naval and air attacks on Narvik, Bergen and Stavanger "have released Germany finally from the guarantee, given to the Norwegian and Danish governments at the time of the invasion, not to use their countries as bases for an offensive", it is declared.

### BRITAIN READY

#### Big Black-out To-night To Meet Nazi Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, April 16 (UP).—Coincident with the German threats of an aerial blitzkrieg on Britain from Norwegian bases, the A.R.P. authorities have issued drastic instructions to the police to tighten up the blackout to-night.

It is significant that to-day's warning is the second conveyed by Hitler within four days. Last Friday, Berlin warned that Germany would retaliate for the alleged British bombing on a railway station in Schleswig-Holstein.

Intensified Precautions  
A.R.P. precautions have been intensified everywhere since the German invasions of Norway and Denmark.

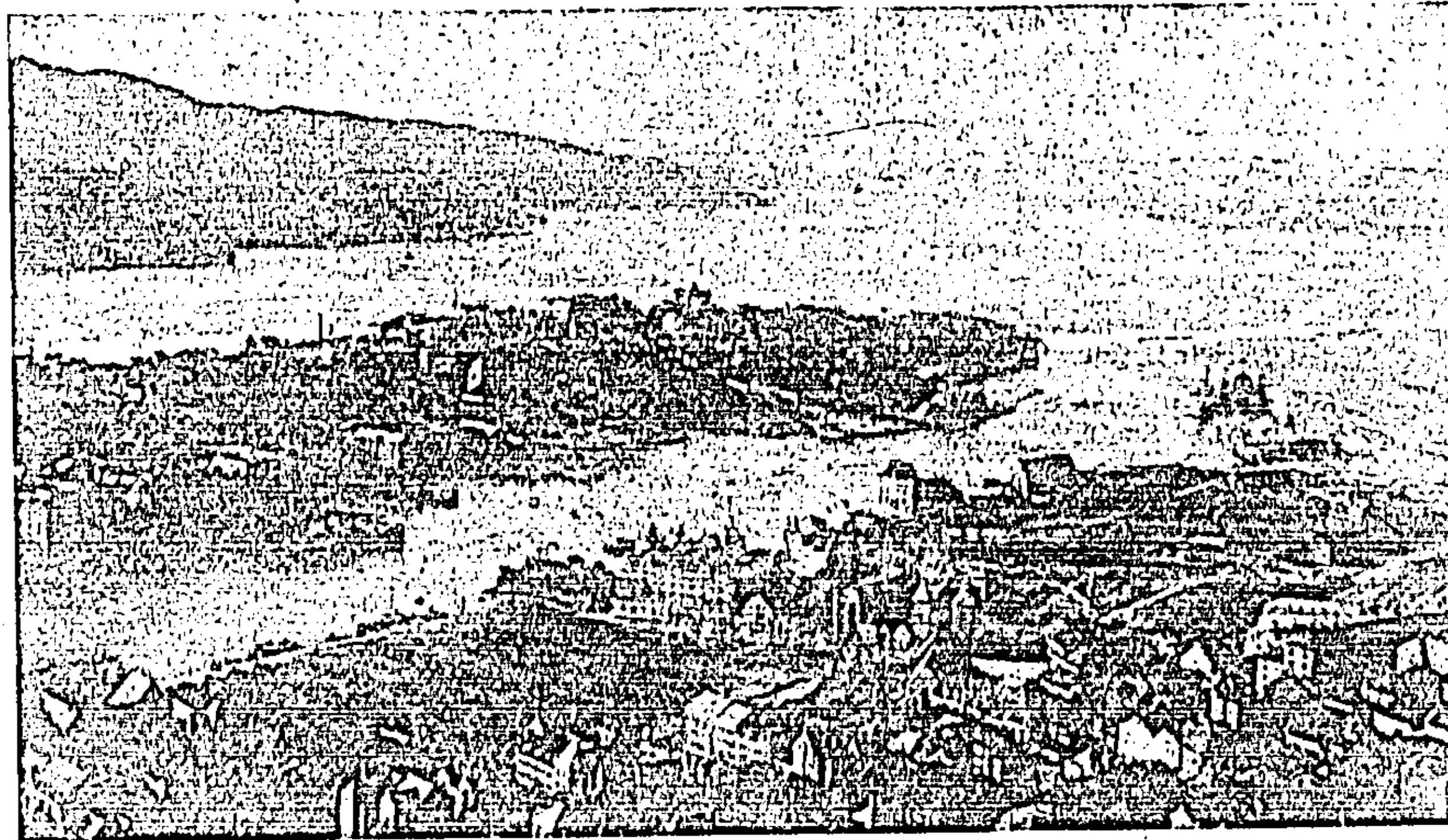
No Excuses Accepted  
The authorities have become hardened to all excuses, and have warned that substantial fines will in future be imposed on any blackout offenders.

DANES RESISTED THE INVADERS  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Apr. 16 (UP).—The French Minister to Copenhagen, who arrived in Paris to-day, paid an immediate call to the Danish Legation, where he conferred with the Danish Minister.

He informed the Danish Minister that Denmark had been overrun by a force of 70,000 Germans.

Eight hundred men were killed in a battle which he personally witnessed at Houder, thus contradicting the Nazi reports that the occupation had been peaceful.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (Domel).—Four German residents in the French Concession in Shanghai were yesterday ordered to leave the Concession by the French Municipal authorities.



PANORAMA OF BERGEN and harbour. In the distant background, at left point, is Kvarven, the main fortification at the entrance to the harbour, which the Germans are now believed to be manning. The present fate of the city itself is unknown.

### VLADIVOSTOK BLOCKADE TO BE TIGHTENED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 16 (UP).—Information that Soviet Russia has granted Germany the right to transport 1,000 tons of commodities daily over the trans-Siberian Railway, coupled with further reports of increased U.S. exports of strategic raw materials to Vladivostok, appears to make the tightening of the British naval blockade of Vladivostok inevitable.

It is believed that British warships will simultaneously maintain a sharp lookout for rubber and tin shipments to Vladivostok from the Netherlands East Indies.

British Navy As Plumber  
The British authorities are now convinced that Vladivostok represents the major leak in the blockade of Germany, and are determined to lose no time in letting the British Navy play the role of plumber.

Figures available here indicate that Russia's total imports of copper in 1938 were between 80,000 and 80,000 tons, of which only 50 tons came from the United States. But from September, 1939 to the end of March, 1940, Russia imported 70,000 tons of copper from the United States alone.

The corresponding figure for rubber are given as 40,000 tons, of which nothing came from the United States, in 1938, while, during the first seven months of war, Russia imported between 25,000 and 30,000 tons.

### TWO MORE NAZI SHIPS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that British submarines have apparently sunk another two German transports in the Skagerrak.

The transports were torpedoed in a daring attack on a German convoy. Four torpedoes found their mark.

region has been frustrated, according to the German High Command.

King's Firm Stand  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, April 16 (Domel).—King Haakon has instructed the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) that no person can receive authority to enter into negotiations with Germany, whatever proposals the latter country may make.

Despatch To Sweden  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, April 16 (Domel).—The Chairman of the Norwegian

### Another "Discreet Warning" Issued

### JAPAN AND DUTCH EAST INDIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, April 16 (Domel).—The "Japan Times" this morning sounds a warning against "indiscreet action" by third Powers in the Netherlands East Indies in the event of a German invasion of Holland.

"The Dutch East Indies controlled by a small European nation is one thing," the newspaper declares.

"Held or dominated by a non-Oriental naval or military Power would be quite another matter, bringing Japan into the range of discussion."

"Any change of policy regarding Far Eastern possessions of any of the European neutrals, or for that matter, of any of the European belligerents, must be carried out only with full consent and concurrence of Japan."

"Any attempt by belligerents or others to ignore this principle will be obvious, involve a revision of Japan's policy of neutrality."

"Fattening the matter plainly, Japan may become involved if any Power PLEASE Turn To Page 2."

### S'hai Still Nervous

#### New Japanese Effort To Gain Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 16 (UP).—Although the Japanese were trounced in the recent Municipal elections, the Occidental bloc is slightly nervous at the latest Japanese threat.

The Japanese plan to secure control of the Council at the rate-payers meeting, where they will be able to muster as many voters as the British and Americans.

Only if the entire Occidental rate-paying population, which includes all nationalities, votes against the Japanese will they be able to be thwarted at the meeting.

Bitter Fight Looming

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—A bitter fight looms at the annual rate-payers' meeting to-morrow as the Japanese indicate that they will strongly oppose the municipality 1940 Budget, which includes a 50 per cent. tax increase.

A clear contest than last week's Municipal elections is forecast.

The fact that individual voters are entitled to one vote only worries the British and American Election Committees, as it is believed that the Japanese have slightly more individual rate-payers than the Americans and Britons combined, although less than the entire European rate-paying population of the Settlement.

The English, American and Japanese Election Committees are attempting to get their rate-payers to turn out 100 per cent.

Consul-General's Appeal  
An American Committee meeting has endorsed the proposed Municipal PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

### HITLER KNEW OF BIG CONVOY, WAS IMPOTENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 15 (UP).—THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS LANDED AT SEVERAL POINTS IN NORWAY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The number of troops and the locations at which they have effected landings are not specified in the official communiques.

It is believed, however, that landings were made at Trondheim, Bergen, Namsos and Narvik.

Mr. Chamberlain will make a full statement on the operations when he addresses the House of Commons to-morrow.

It is understood that the German High Command knew on Sunday that heavy British forces were on the High Seas. However, the German Navy was impotent to act against the heavily guarded British troop convoys.

It is certain that the British troops have safely disembarked at all points, as no official announcement of the landings would have been issued beforehand.

### TEN-WORD COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—So far the only news about the British landing in Norway has been contained in ten words of a joint Admiralty and War Office communique.

The communique reads: "British troops have now landed at several points in Norway."

This, however, is sufficient to show that in addition to their brilliant feats at Narvik the Allied operations have been far more widespread.

Besides Narvik, the towns seized by the Germans included Bergen, Stavanger, and Trondheim, on the west coast and Oslo.

The British troops may or may not have been landed at the same points. The communique is the first definite news that we are receiving in pledge to help Norway with all our resources.

Britain's Pledge  
That pledge, which was given by His Majesty the King and the Prime Minister, was given a fresh point in a message broadcast by the B.B.C. on Sunday night by British and Norwegian trade union leaders.

"The British soldiers are coming to assist the gallant Norwegian people," the message read. "Help them by every means in your power. If you know where the Germans are, tell the British. If they require food, give it to them. If a soldier wants a lift, take him to his destination. Pass on the word to as many people as possible."

Allied Task Easier  
LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—While everyone is anxiously waiting for more news about the British troops in Norway, semi-official circles here point out that the landing of an army far from home in such wild country which the enemy are already holding are the chief points in a very hazardous enterprise.

Without his command of the seas, Hitler may well find it to be a suicidal enterprise.

In that respect the Allied task is easier.

Against that, however, the British troops will probably find stronger opposition from the Germans than the latter did, for the Norwegians, in addition to being taken by surprise, also found internal foes.

Furthermore, the British troops are liable to attacks from the air, a danger which comes not only from Germany but also from the German air base in Norway itself.

Here the Royal Air Force is once more proving its value as shown in the attacks on Stavanger aerodrome.

German Claim  
BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A claim that no Briton has touched Norwegian soil "at points occupied by German troops" is made in a PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

### NORTH SEA CAVALCADE

#### Continuous Stream Of British Transports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 16, (UP).—"Ships of all kinds, crammed with men, munitions and stores, are steaming across the North Sea in continuous procession, en route to strengthen Britain's new expeditionary force in Norway," says a front page despatch to the London "Daily Herald."

"For hours on Monday, trains carrying essential supplies rumbled to British ports."

"Warships, re-fuelled and re-stored, are escorting the B.E.F. to Norway."

Overnight Travelling

"Some of these warships had just returned from the naval engagements in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat."

"The outstanding feature of the operations has been the remarkable organization which has enabled Britain's plans to be carried out almost unopposed throughout Britain."

"Military camps throughout the country disappeared overnight as the men travelled to embark for new battlefields."

"Most of the travelling was done overnight."

Serious Combats Expected  
NEW YORK, Apr. 15, (Reuter).—The landing of British troops in Norway is expected to result in the first serious land combats of World War II.

### LATEST

### Norway To Continue To Fight

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—"We are continuing to fight," concludes an address by the Norwegian Government from wireless stations in the hands of the Norwegians. The message refers to the assurances of military assistance from the Allied Powers, and adds: "We are confident that in co-operation with these countries we shall win back Norway for the Norwegian people."



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## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,495 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	2,294 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	2,294 b.
Chartered	97 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B.	30 3/4
Mercantile, C.	12 3/4
East Asia	74 n.

### INSURANCES

Canal	230 b.
Union	400 b.
China Underwriters	85 cts.
H.K. Fire	171 b.

### SHIPPING

Douglases S.S.	145 n.
Steamships	107 1/2
Indo-China S.S.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.S.	75 1/4
Waterboats	7 1/2

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves S.S.	100 n.
Docks S. (c. rts.)	22 s.
Docks S. (r. rts.)	10 1/2
Docks S. (b. rts.)	6 1/2
Providents S.S.	4 1/2
Sh. Docks S.S.	4 1/2

### MINING

Kailan S.S.	18 1/2
Ratus S.S.	6 1/2
H.K. Mines	4 cts.

### LANDS

Hotels	5 1/2
Lands S.S.	30 1/2
Sh. Lands S.S.	100 n.
Humphreys S.S.	14 1/2
H.K. Realities S.S.	4 1/2
Chinese Estates S.S.	103 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams S.S.	17 3/4
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries S.S.	25 1/2
Y. Ferries S.S.	8 1/2
China Lights (old)	8 1/2
China Lights (new)	5 1/2
H.K. Electric S.S.	65 1/2
Macao Electric S.S.	2 1/4
Sandakan Lights S.S.	1 1/4
Telephones (old)	28 1/2
Telephones (new)	10 b.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Merg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14.00 n.
Cald. Merg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$12 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cements S.S.	17 1/2
H.K. Ropes	5 1/2
Dairy Farms S.S.	2 1/4
Watsons S.S.	9 1/2
Lane, Crawford S.S.	7 1/2
Sincere S.S.	2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 b.

### STORES, &c.

H.K. Entertainment S.S.	0.80 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/4
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling S.S.	1 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Ds.	82 1/2
H.K. Govt 4% Loan	102 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% Loan	97 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) S.S.	14 1/2
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) S.S.	4 1/2

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. Cotton	53 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	180 n.

### MISC.

H.K. Entertainment S.S.	0.80 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/4
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling S.S.	1 n.
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### MANILA SHARES

Antamok	17 1/2
Atok	17 1/2
Baguio Gold	20 1/2
Benget Cons.	Unq. 5 1/2
Big Wedge	18 1/2
Coco Grove	18 1/2
Cons. Mines	0.65
Dermot	0.65
East Mindanao	0.65
L.I.	0.65
Loe Gold	0.65
Logon Mining	0.65
Mambulo Cons.	Unq.
Manila Cons.	Unq.
Mind. Motherlode	Unq.
Mino Operations	Unq.
North Camarines	Unq.
Paracale Gumaua	Unq.
San Mauricio	Unq.
Surigao Cons.	Unq.
Suyoc Cons.	Unq.
Syndicate Invest.	Unq.
United Paracale	Unq.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market held an active morning session with more than half the list being traded in. However, the market took a downward trend and the whole list showed losses. These ranged from fractions to two centavos, San Mauricio taking the greatest loss.

## POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS	
Amoy and Shanghai	Apr. 16.
Shanghai	Apr. 16.
Straits	Apr. 17.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th April.	
Haliphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	Apr. 17.
Haliphong	Apr. 17.
Manila	Apr. 17.
Salon	Apr. 17.
Shanghai	Apr. 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 10th April.	
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers)—London date, 17th Feb.	
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th April.	
Canton	Apr. 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Apr. 18.
Shanghai	Apr. 18.
Straits	Apr. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd March).	
Canton	Apr. 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Apr. 19.
Shanghai	Apr. 19.

OUTWARD MAILS	
Parcels only for Tientsin	5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th April.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd April.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 16, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17	
Parcels only for Tientsin	12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran and France (Paris and Northern France) only by "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 25th April.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 17, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 18, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 18, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 18, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 18, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, April 19	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 19, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 19, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 19, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 19, 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 20, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 20, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 20, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 20, 7.00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 21, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 21, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 21, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 21, 7.00 p.m.

Monday, April 22	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 22, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 22, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 22, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 22, 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 23, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 23, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 23, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 23, 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 24, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 24, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 24, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 24, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 25, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 25, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 25, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 25, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, April 26	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 26, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 26, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 26, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 26, 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 27, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 27, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 27, 7.00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 28, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 28, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 28, 7.00 p.m.

Monday, April 29	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 29, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 29, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 29, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 29, 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	Apr. 30, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 30, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Apr. 30, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	Apr. 30, 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	May 1, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 1, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	May 1, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 1, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	May 2, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 2, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	May 2, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 2, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, May 3	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	May 3, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 3, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	May 3, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 3, 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	May 4, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 4, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	May 4, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 4, 7.00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5	
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	
Kowloon P. O.	
Reg.	May 5, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 5, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	May 5, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 5, 7.00 p.m.

# FALL OF CANTON HAS H.K. CIVIL COURT SEQUEL

## B.E.F. LANDING AT SEVERAL POINTS ON NORWEGIAN COAST

→ FROM PAGE ONE

German news agency report from Oslo.

The agency also claims that it has learned from Narvik that Narvik is still in German hands.

**Norwegians Heartened**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Norwegians who are resisting strongly are likely to be greatly heartened by the news of the British landing in Norway.

They are also encouraged by the fearlessness of King Haakon who has been bombed so often that the Norwegian Government now has ordered the Nazi aircraft to be shot down wherever they go.

**Shock For German Public**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 16 (UP).—The German public is beginning to realise that all is not going well in Norway.

Afternoon papers are playing down earlier reports of great German victories, and are warning their readers that they must be prepared for reverses.

The morning papers described the Narvik engagement as a shattering German victory. But this afternoon, the papers modified their reports by only insisting that Narvik is still in German hands.

Authorised Nazi official quarters admit, for the first time, the possibility of British troops being in Norway.

For the first time, too, it is officially admitted that the Germans are in possession of only isolated strong points along the Norwegian coast.

With the possible exception of Oslo and Bergen, which are linked by a good highway, it is believed unlikely that the German garrisons have been able to contact each other except by air.

**Opposition Unlikely**

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph" military correspondent, commenting on the landing of British troops in Norway, says that it is unlikely that the landings were opposed except possibly from the air.

One should not expect anything startling to happen at once. It may be assumed that some of our landing parties will have been chosen with a view to establishing air bases.

Owing to the nature of the country, however, these bases may be for sea-planes only for the time being.

In some places, small bodies of men may have been landed to contact with Norwegian parties and form the nuclei on which Norwegian troops or volunteers can rally.

Wherever any considerable force lands, it will



# MAGAZINE PAGE

## ENTERTAINMENTS

### 'CHIPS' SWEETHEARTS TO TEAM AGAIN

THE film folk are going nuts on classical music. And what they think is classical music. If it isn't Chopin, it's Schumann. If it isn't Beethoven, it's Brahms. I wouldn't be surprised if they got around to dear old Schubert again, the rate they're going.

Latest story to hand is that Louis B. Mayer in Hollywood plans to team up the famous stars of "Mr. Chips"—Robert Donat and Greer Garson.

The film they are to do is to be called "Song of Love." It is the love story of Clara and Robert Schumann. There was a great love story, coloured at the end by tragedy, for Schumann went mad.

THEY plan that Robert Taylor shall be in the picture, too. He is to play Brahms. Now, Brahms was a bit of a nut, but he was not as much of a nut as Clara. He was a bit of a nut, but he was not as much of a nut as Clara. He was a bit of a nut, but he was not as much of a nut as Clara.

NOTHING recently seems to have been heard of Mr. Mayer's previous brain-wave, which was to make a film of the song "The Rosary," with Myrna Loy, Clark Gable and William Powell.

I'm wondering when somebody will decide to do Handel's Largo, with Dorothy Lamour.

BIGGEST laughs that have been heard in cinemas since war broke out have been caused by a little American programme picture—a sort of junior Hardy family picture, with William Frawley as the exasperated pop. Film is called, "Step, Look and Love."

And are the following faces red—Crazy Gang, George Formby, Will Hay, Lucie Arncliffe, Askey, Murdoch, Moore Murriell.

"SCATTERBRAIN" is Britain's top song just now.

Richard Greene—Virginia Fields, who announced that they would marry in Hollywood this month, now say they have decided to wait a year.

"White Horse Inn" will be revived at the London Coliseum.

Another revival will be the famous wartime serial "The Exploits of Elaine." But only if they can find just the gal to be another Pearl White.

Looks like Charles Laughton is settled in California for good. His next film will be "Hunt a Rogue," a whimsical story of a London bartender who is mistaken for the father of a Hollywood star.

REMEMBER Paulette Goddard was announced as Scarlett in "Gone With the Wind," withdrew by agreement, and was replaced by Vivien Leigh?

A blow for any girl. But Paulette, once famous as a Charlie Chaplin leading lady, is now busy making herself into a star.

"No Scarlett," she said. "All right. But I'm going to be Loupette." She is. What's more, she put in for the part unasked.

Loupette, the fiery French-Canadian girl in Cecil B. de Mille's Technicolor production "North-West Mounted Police" is one of the most sought-after feminine parts since "G.W.T.W."

So Paulette shares starchy hours with Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Robert Preston and Akim Tamiroff.

SHE had a hard struggle. De Mille wasn't interested.

"You don't quite look the part," he told her.

So Paulette had herself made up as Loupette, complete with bullwhip.

De Mille shook his head: "This part calls for acting, for accent, for fire," he said. "It needs a Lenore Ulrich."

Paulette called up Samuel Kayser, noted acting coach. She learnt the part, mastering the French-Canadian dialect.

She caught the exasperated Mr. de Mille again.

"Here," she said, thrusting the script into his hand, "you read Robert Preston's part and we'll do the scene together."

An hour later she had got it.

TYRONE Power, America's No. 2 star of 1939, gets his marching orders for 1940. He is to play lead in a film called "The Great Commandment."

## WHAT'S ON

KING'S: "It Could Happen to You."

ORIENTAL: "Juneez."

MAJESTIC: "Daughters Courageous."

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA: "Tarzan Finds a Son."

It is a tale of how Jesus brought peace when the Jews revolted against the Romans in A.D. 30.

Which commandment? Not one of the Sermon on the Mount: "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself."

An excellent idea. Producer Darryl Zanuck senses that the world is eager, just now, to hear again the old story of brotherly love.

But Power? Frankly, he is a mystery man to me.

He has built the Suez Canal, been Marie Antoinette's lover, Jesse James, the lad who saved Lloyd's of London.

But he had another part. He was Sonja Henie's Press agent in "Second Fiddle." The film was poor, but he was grand.

Frankly, Mr. Power is a light comedian first and other things a long way afterwards. I wish they'd let him fiddle while the other actors take care of Rome burning.

SAME thing with MADEIRA CARROLL. She has been snared by Cecil B. de Mille. And that guy certainly throws a mean lasso.

He has Birmingham's second-best citizen (first is Mr. Chamberlain, of course) riding the Rockies with Frederic March in "North-West Mounted."

And just as soon as he can pry her out of that high-backed saddle she, too, is to go into a religious picture.

De Mille calls it "Queen of Queens." Miss Carroll is to be the first Mary and Miss Dietrich the other one. I hope it works out well.

So it will be six months before Miss Carroll can come home to be the society dame in "The Admirable Crichton," which Paramount plan to do here. Society dames are her long suit.

The delay has this one advantage. Mr. Leslie Howard may by then be through with his cut-price "Hamlet," so that he can be better to Miss Carroll.

Paramount announce four British pictures. "Crichton," then "Knights of the Round Table" (with young DOUG FAIRBANKS as Sir Lancelot), the life of Barney Buxton, diamond king, and a comedy to be called "What Ho!"

## Spotting the Rank

LIEUTENANT (E)  
SUB-LIEUTENANT (E)  
MIDSHIPMAN (E)

Each of these ranks is distinguished from the corresponding grade in the Executive branch by strips of purple cloth between, or alongside, the gold lace on the cuffs or great-coat shoulders of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.

When the war broke out there were 358 Lieutenants (E), 94 Sub-Lieutenants (E), including 33 acting in that rank, and 121 Midshipmen (E).

On the retired list there were 156 Lieutenants (E), 105 Engineer-Lieutenants (a rank now superseded by the former), and 14 Sub-Lieutenants (E) or corresponding ranks.

Until the rank of Sub-Lieutenant (E) is reached, these officers spend their time principally at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Koyham, Devonport.

At sea, Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants (E) may be either junior engine-room officers in battleships, aircraft-carriers or cruisers, or in charge of the machinery of small vessels.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't look now, Gaylord, but that woman over there has a terrible figure!"

Which reminds me to say that I don't think there is any form of entertainment I read more than a comedy called, "What Ho!" Unless it is a comedy called "Splash Me." Film titles are a great trouble to me. Mr. Howard's film with Ingrid Bergman used to be called "Intermezzo," but it is now "Escape to Happiness."

It could be called "Hell Slog You Again," and I still wouldn't know what it is all about. I like titles like "Hunchback of Notre Dame" or "The Great Train Robbery." They let you know what's going on.

TAKE ANN HARDING for instance. She is coming down from the Hollywood hill top she inhabits to stage a screen come-back after two years. She partners Basil Rathbone.

In our last instalment, you will remember, we left her screaming at Mr. Rathbone in "Love from a Stranger." The new chapter is to be called "Destiny." All I know about a film with Harding and Rathbone called "Destiny" is that it depresses me.



By  
Jan  
Van  
Elven

## How Holland is Flooded

THE MOMENT the Germans set foot on Dutch territory, short, stout Mr. J. W. Alberda will be at the telephone to give the word "Flood!"

As Holland's Minister of Waterworks, Mr. Alberda—a civil engineer before he entered the Cabinet—controls the country's vast network of canals and waterways.

Hundreds of uniformed look and sliver attendants are standing by, night and day, waiting for his word.

It will be the signal for them to pull an electric switch. Immense sluice gates will be raised by machinery. The water will rush through to inundate large tracts of land.

Holland's waterworks are a marvel of mechanical efficiency. Within twenty-four hours a sheet of water will lie in the path of the invader.

While some of the sluices on rivers and canals are hand-operated, the principal sluices are worked by electricity.

Time will be an important factor in the flood strategy—and no time will be lost by the Dutchmen.

HOLLAND'S first line of defence is the River Yssel, near the German-Dutch frontier.

If resistance fails at this point, the Dutch Army, about 700,000 strong, will fall back to their main water-line—which is to Holland what the Maginot Line is to France.

This stretches for more than eighty miles from Amsterdam, past Utrecht, south-west to the River Lek and the River Vecht, then to Biesbosch on the River Maas. Above and beyond the flooded lands, the important industrial centres of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, the Hague, Utrecht, and Haarlem will remain intact.

In many parts of this low-lying region, the canals, enclosed in their banks, are ten feet above the level of the land. Flooding is thus an easy procedure.

All the sluice attendants have to do is to open the sluices, and raise the level of the canal water so that it overflows the banks on to the surrounding country.

Main artery of the water-line is the River Vecht, which flows into the Zuider Zee, west of Amsterdam. It is fed by a network of canals.

Both the sluices on the Vecht and the canals will be opened immediately the danger signal is given.

SIMULTANEOUSLY hundreds of bridges, already mined in readiness, will be blown up. There are more bridges to the square mile in Holland than any other country.

The water-line would be three miles on an average in width, and the depth would vary from 18 inches to 20 feet. Invaders will find it impossible to tell when they would pass from the shallows into the deep canals and ditches.

Already large stretches of the country have been flooded as an emergency, and hundreds of homes are under water. More than 16,000 of the people who lived there have been evacuated. And what has been done there in the last few weeks has been sufficient to show what a barrier the water would be to an invading army.

The Dutch military authorities have experimented with tanks in the drowned fields. The tanks have been hopelessly bogged in the soggy, peaty ground under the water.

"BETTER a drowned land than a lost land," cried William the Silent in the sixteenth century, when the Spaniards menaced Holland.

Dykes were breached, the water came in and a great lake was spread between the Dutch and their enemy.

Water is a greater barrier to an army than it was in William the Silent's time. For mechanised forces the water-line would be impassable. Even where the ground looked solid, it might be a death-trap mire for tanks and guns. For the water seeps treacherously underneath.

To see the flooding of their land would be heartbreaking to the Dutch. For centuries they have been fighting water, as each polder or strip of reclaimed land was won from the sea.

But the Dutch are ready to undo the work of centuries and welcome an invasion if it serves to keep a worse enemy out.

Much of the work of reclaiming the vast basin of the Zuider Zee would go by the board. Millions of pounds have been spent in the last twenty years on this great reclamation scheme which was to have been completed in 1932.

Long, thin, twenty-six miles long, has been built as a barrier against the North Sea, and behind it thousands of acres have been drained and made useful. Thousands of acres more remain to be drained.

TO reclaim flooded reclaimed land and make it fit for cultivation again will take years of hard labour.

That is the sacrifice Holland must make to save the more important part of her territory from the invader.

In the strip of territory south of the River Maas and the Belgian frontier the Dutchmen would have a harder task in stemming the enemy.

But, here again they would have formidable barriers in the Wilhelmmina and Wilhelmina Canals, which are linked, in their continuation over the Belgian frontier, with the powerfully-fortified Albert Canal, running from Liege to Antwerp.

If Holland and Belgium co-operated to resist invasion, a stand could be made along the canals in this sector and the Germans held up long enough for help to arrive.

Many military experts believe that the region between the Maas River and the Albert Canal may be the great battlefield of the war.

Germany's twin objectives, to reach the south coast of Holland for the establishment of aeroplane and submarine bases, and to swing from Holland through Belgium for an attack on France, would be fought out here.

The large provinces of Friesland and Groningen at the north-west of Holland may prove indefensible. Here the land is comparatively high and cannot be flooded.

Plans have been worked out for evacuating the population of these provinces by rushing them across the modern roadway on the Zuider Zee dam.

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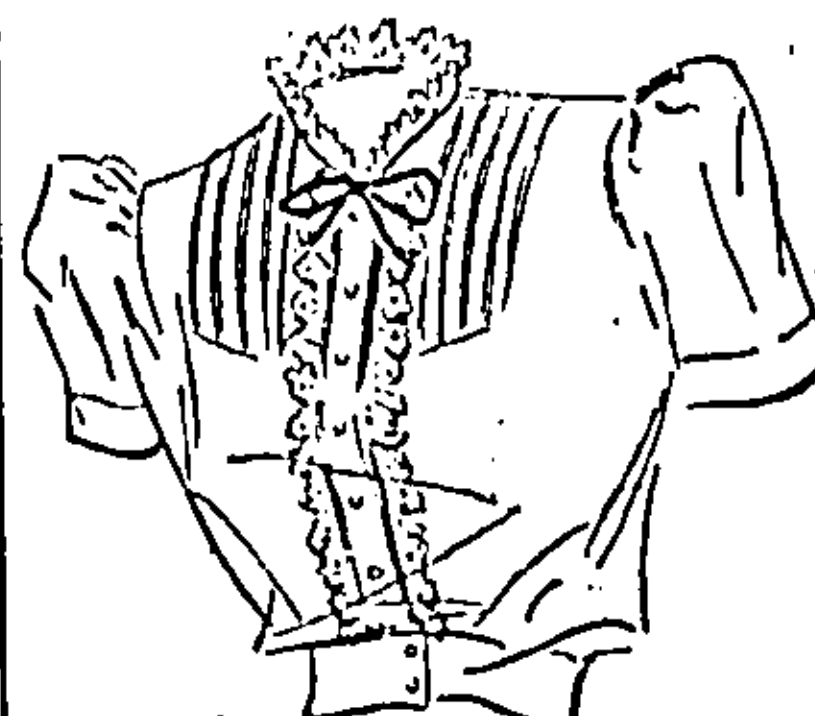
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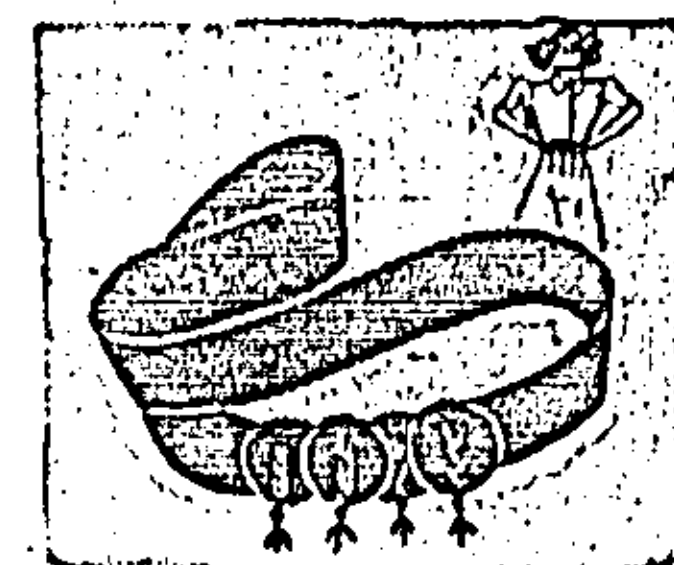


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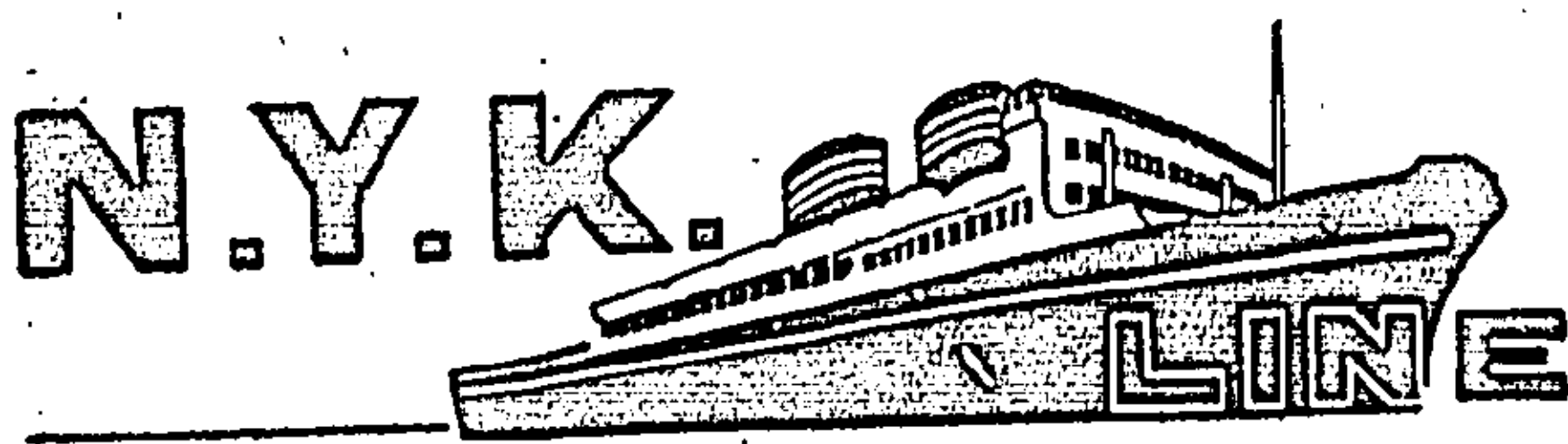
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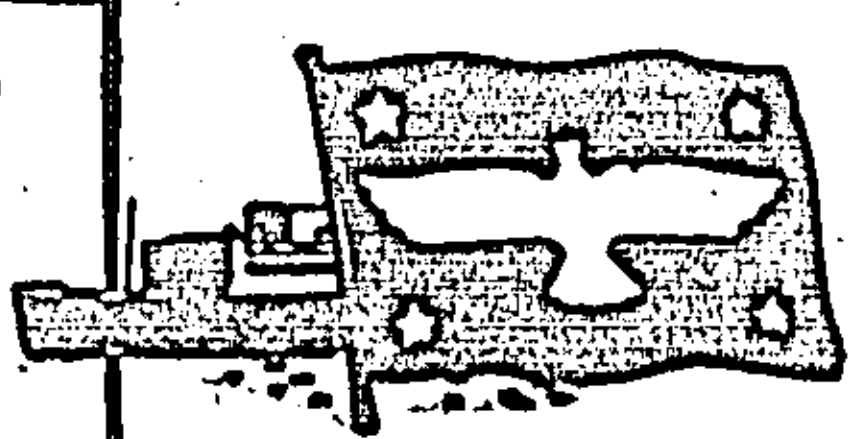
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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1890.  
The Queen meets the Emperor of Germany on the 20th instant at Darmstadt.

Wong Chun was charged with escaping from the chain-gang at Kennedy Town last year. In answer to the indictment he said: "I say 'no' and he (the turnkey) says 'yes', what is the use of it? The turnkey says 'I ran. Well, I did run. I leave your Lordship to punish me as you see fit. If he says so, it is so, and let it be so. If the turnkey accuses the charge against me; then let it be so. My real name is Pak-Ah-Chun. I did not do it. They say I did. I leave your Lordship to punish me."

People come to the Colonies "for a change." The Colonies are beginning to send their tourists round the Far East with the same object. So, offered special facilities for a trip to Java, taken advantage of by a number of parties. On the 10th inst. the Tourist-taking Cook organized a special trip with a newspaper man, Mr. A. M. Plummer, and a doctor, Mr. J. H. Plummer, and a recommendation in case he wanted to get employment elsewhere. They had a real good time. Capt. Green navigated so as to give them all the sight seeing possible and they viewed the Island Sea by day in consequence. They called at Nagasaki, and left at Kobe to visit Osaka, Kyoto, and the Hidaka Lakes, etc. From Yokohama they went to the Exhibition at Tokyo, and "saw everything." Dr. and Mrs. Candler were with them, and saw even more—getting up daily at 5 a.m. to start. The trip was so enjoyable, and Japan so fascinating, that most of the party stayed over for the next steamer. The experiment was a complete success as far as the E. and A.S.N. Co., Messrs. Cook and Son, and the tourists were concerned. It will certainly be repeated.

25 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1915.  
A German aeroplane visited Kaitia this afternoon, dropping a letter to Horno Bay, Faversham and Sittlingbourne.

Great Britain has sent a reply to the ultimatum sent from the German Government regarding the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden in Chilean waters. Sir Edward Grey has declined to accept the ultimatum, but points out that the Dresden had not accepted internment in Chile and her colours were still flying.

10 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1930.  
The German Reichstag, dealing with the Budget of 1930, decided on an appropriation of 2,000,000 marks as the first instalment for the new cruiser "Dresden" of the same type as the one sunk in Chilean waters, now being constructed. (These were the pocket battleships, later renamed—Ed.)

France's superiority in first line military aeroplanes, the rapid growth of her air force since 1922, and her lowly position, are outstanding features of a table issued in response to a House of Commons enquiry, by Sir Samuel Hoare.

The figures show that Britain alone has reduced her air expenditure since 1922 to the extent of two per cent., while the United States, France and Italy respectively have increased theirs by a hundred and forty, a hundred and fourteen, and thirty one per cent.

The first line machines now maintained by Britain number 750, by France 1,310, the United States 850, and Italy 1,100. The latter's normal establishment is a thousand.

5 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1935.  
Great Britain, France and Italy have adopted a firm and united policy to resist their front in an attempt to force the League of Nations Council to approve a resolution strongly condemning Germany's plans for re-armament. For this reason the League of Nations resolution tomorrow is virtually assured.

Sunburned, and looking extremely fit and happy, the new Duchess of Kent with her husband, Prince George, arrived at Crofton from Paris to-day after her honeymoon tour abroad.

The Pan-American Airways' Oriental Clipper, the giant Sikorsky flying boat, built for the trans-Pacific route, left off from here this morning for Hawaii.

With a crew of five and a number of passengers, the clipper is to take the air for her 2,000 mile flight across the water. It is the first leg of the proposed route to China, and the clipper will be the first of the plane is being watched by the experts who plan to send it soaring on further flights of its own.

In the near future, within a year it is proposed to inaugurate a regular service to and from Asia, but meanwhile the Oriental Clipper will make experimental flights all along the route to the hop to Hawaii should be completed in about 12 hours.

The annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission, shows that the cemeteries and memorials of those who died in the Great War in the various theatres of pilgrimage from all parts of the world.

From the end of 1921, when the work of searching the House of Commons to-day closed down and no visible signs of isolated graves remained, to the end of 1934, no fewer than 30,000 British graves have been found and moved into cemeteries. The total number of names registered in June, 1931, was 1,011. Of this number 507,117 had been identified and buried in known graves, while 517,773 were recorded as "Missing" or "Unknown." The names of the "Missing" appear on memorials, and they include those lying in "Unknown" graves.

During the debate on the Air Estimates in the House of Commons emphasis was laid on the fact that the Royal Air Force has too many out of date machines with a small radius of action and a relatively low speed and bomb carrying capacity.

The Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour, announced in the House of Commons to-day the establishment of a new Department in the Home Office, under an Assistant Under Secretary. The department had been formed in order to co-operate with the local authorities with a view to organizing local services for the safeguarding of the civilian population against the effect of air raids.

The "Last Post" will be sounded at the British War Memorial at Menin Gate, Ypres, at sundown every evening for ever. For four years the British Grenadier Guards have sounded their "Lament" on bugles presented by the British Legion, which has now ended, and a fund for the ceremony to be carried out in perpetuity.

## NEW ECONOMIC AGREEMENT

BRUSSELS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Economic negotiations between Germany and Belgium have reached a satisfactory conclusion, according to well-informed circles. All minor questions are said to have been settled and the majority of the German delegates have returned to Berlin.

## B.B.C. CHIEF VISITS FRANCE



Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation, visited France recently to find out what sort of entertainment appealed to men of the B.E.F. In a trench he found some airmen listening to a radio programme, and he asked for—and was given—their views on it. Photo courtesy B. B. C.

## Death Of Old Resident

**Capt. Thornhill Passes After 42 Years Here**

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital this morning of Capt. John Samuel Alphonse McCann Thornhill, an old resident of the Colony.

Capt. Thornhill, who was 64 years of age, first came to Hongkong in 1898 as a Corporal of the 22nd Coy., Royal Engineers. He saw service throughout the Boxer Rebellion for which he was awarded the China Medal, and on his return to Hongkong he took over the management of the Soldiers' Club. He left the service 18 months later, maintaining his post at the Soldiers' Club as a civilian. He also became contractor to the Royal Engineers canteen until eight years afterwards when the Royal Engineers took it over themselves.

Capt. Thornhill remained manager of the Soldiers' Club until about ten years ago when the N.A.A.F.I. took over. He then joined the N.A.A.F.I. and remained with them until his death.

**Served in Franco Last War**

An active Volunteer, Capt. Thornhill was one of the first men to join the old Hongkong Defence Force. When the Great War broke out, he volunteered, was accepted and went to France as an officer of the Labour Corps. At the end of the war, he returned to Hongkong and rejoined the Volunteers as a Lieutenant. He was subsequently placed on the reserves as a Captain and eventually retired on account of ill health.

In his younger days, Capt. Thornhill was a keen sportsman and was known as one of the best sportsmen in Hongkong. He is survived by his widow, two married daughters, one of whom is in England, and a son, who is a cadet in the Hongkong Naval Volunteers Force.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

**Mr. T. G. Turnbull Passes**  
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 Gounod's "Faust" Act IV.

2.15 Close Down.  
2.00 An Hour of Dance Music.  
2.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.02 The Comedy Harmonists (Vocal) and Rawley and Landauer (Two Piano).  
2.30 London Relay—The News.

3.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
3.03 New Symphony Orchestra with Miller Korlus (Soprano).

3.30 Musical Comedy Selections from "Home and Beauty," "Bow Bells," "Careless Rapture," "The Charming School," "To Beat the Band," and "The Gold Diggers of 1933."

3.03 Vocal Duets by Norah Blaney and Gwyneth Farrar.  
3.15 London Relay—News Summary.

3.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."  
3.45 Music of Debussy and Ravel.

10.30 Excerpts from "Tannhauser," "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg," and "Lohengrin."  
11.00 Close Down.

## Sir N. Henderson Lifts The Veil

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Neville Henderson's account of his two years as British Ambassador in Berlin was published yesterday in book form and is entitled "The Failure of a Mission."

In it, Sir Neville (who left Berlin on September 3, 1939), describes how he went to Germany convinced that the peace of Europe depended on an understanding between Britain and Germany. He recalls his constant attempts to win the confidence and sympathy of the Nazis and his conclusion that Hitler never intended the ultimate end to be anything other than war.

## SHARP LOCAL FIGHTING

PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says that there were sharp local engagements, one to the east of the Moselle and the other at the frontier of Palatinat, between enemy detachments and two of our reconnaissance parties.

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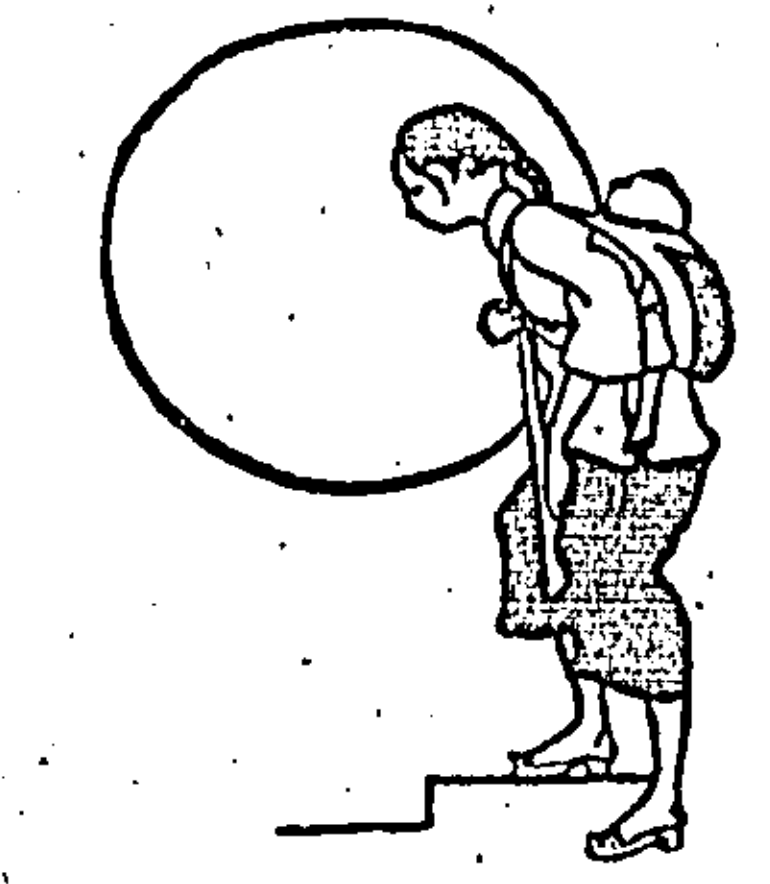


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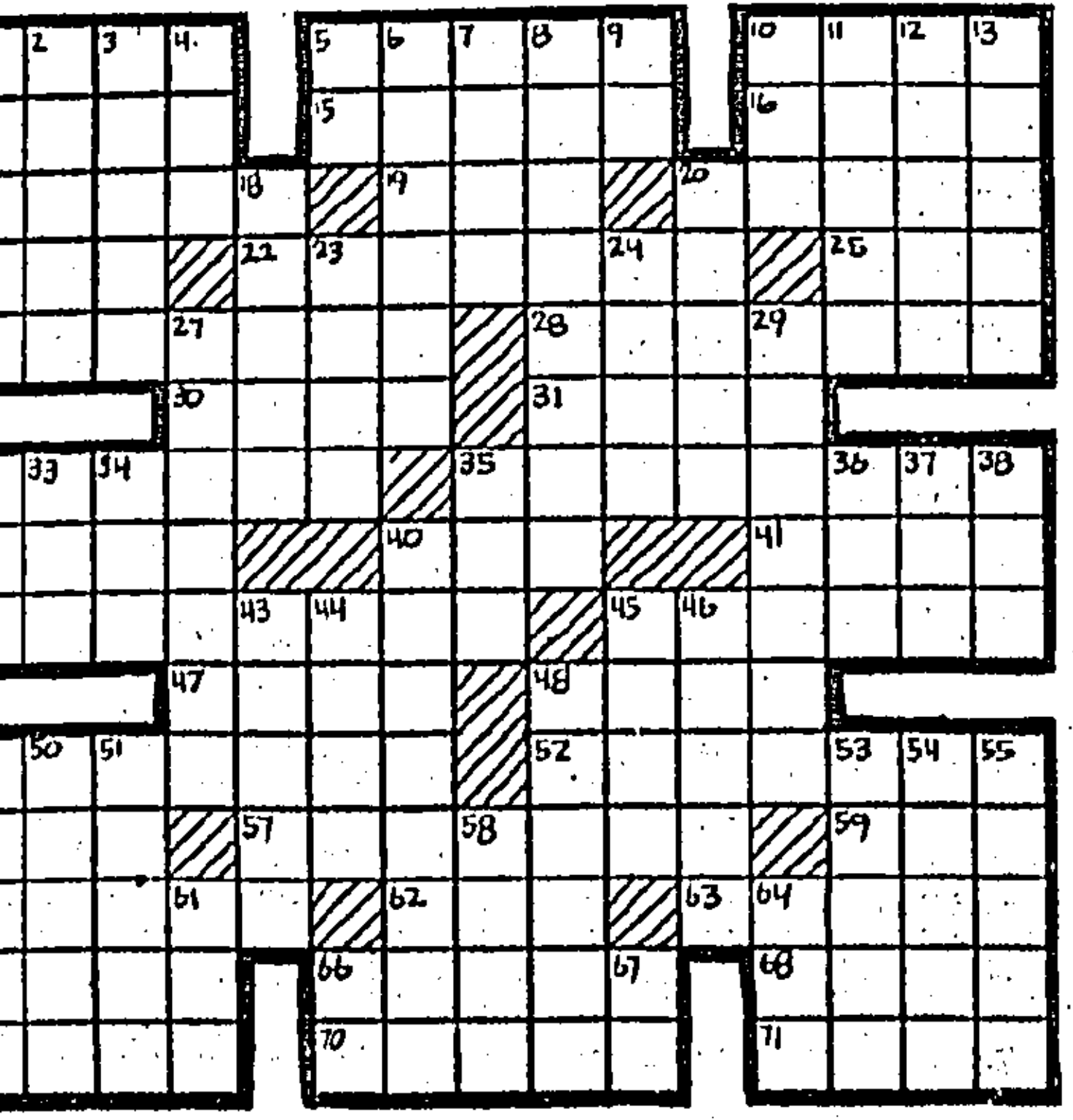
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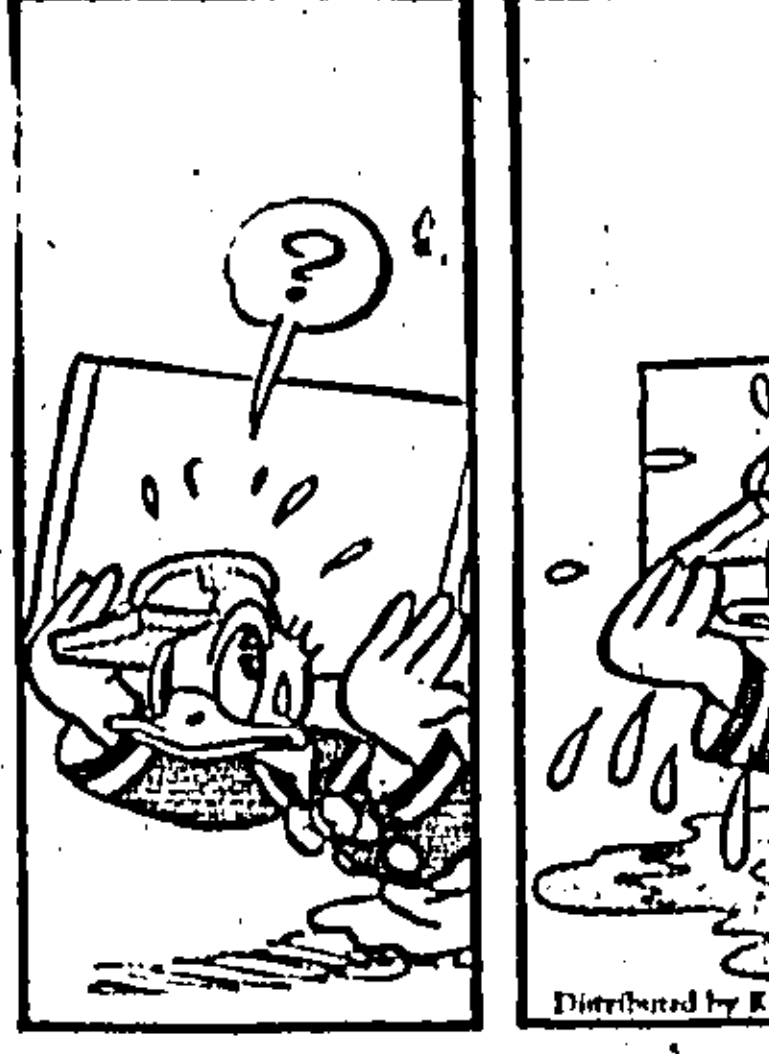
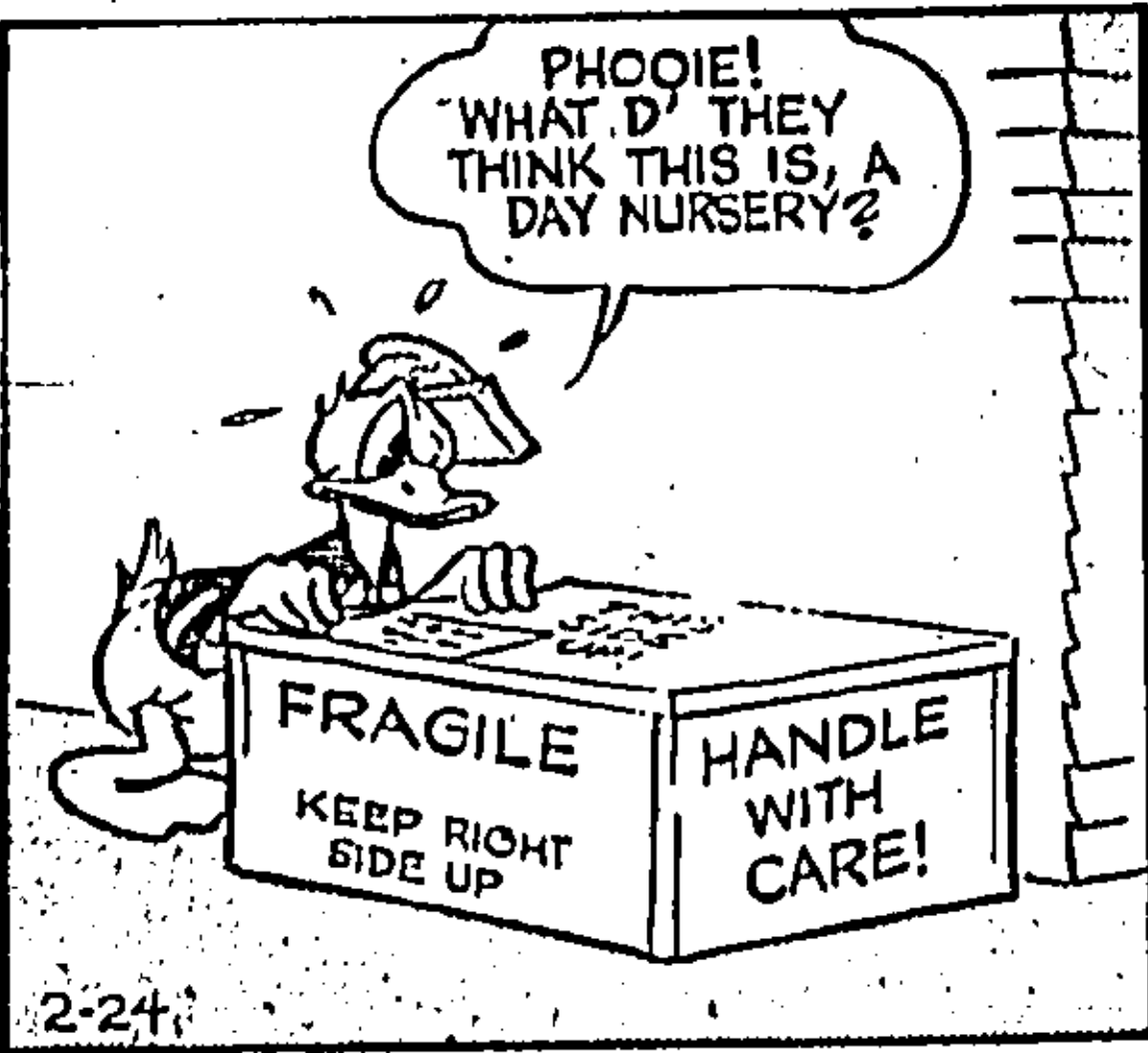
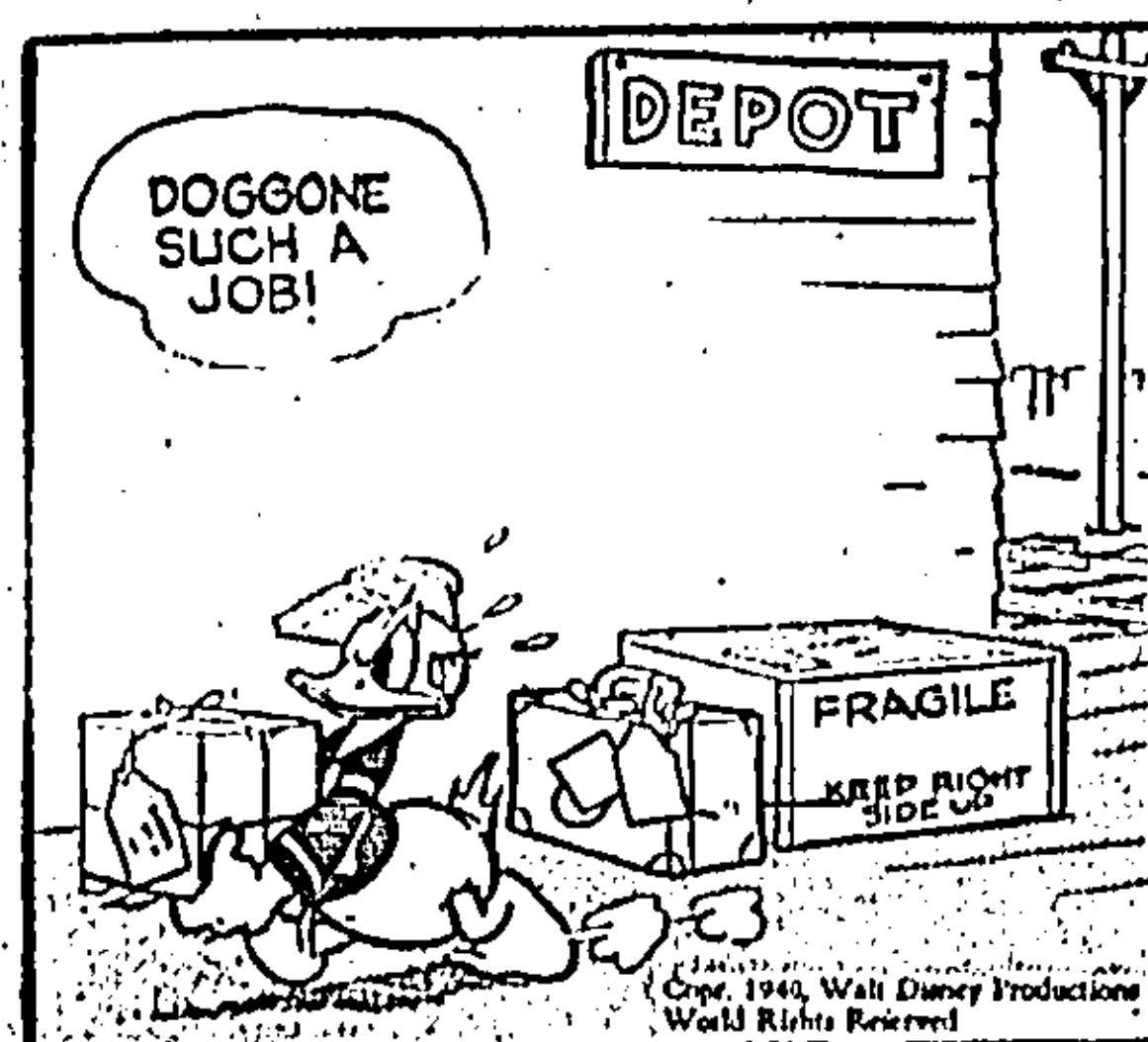
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Thousands Of Norwegians Said Cut-Off  
NAZIS SCORING SOME  
EARLY VICTORIES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Latest reports indicate that the Germans are having considerable local successes in Norway.

Attention is focussed on the south-eastern front, where the Germans are reported to have cut off several thousand Norwegians.

The situation at Konigsvinger is considered critical.

The newspaper, "Social Demokrat" estimates that the Germans have at least 16,000 men in this sector and the fall of the town is considered imminent despite the Norwegian resistance.

**Count For Little, Unless—** Military circles, however, say that these swift successes count for little unless there is a constant flow of reinforcements.

Furthermore, it is pointed out that the Germans need heavy artillery and other supplies which cannot all be transported by air.

Evidence that the Germans are already faced with a fuel shortage is provided by the fact that two planes made forced landings in Sweden yesterday owing to lack of petrol.

**Norwegian Troops Infered—** LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Yesterday's war news from Norway reported that the Germans are trying to win their sphere of influence.

Three hundred Norwegian troops who crossed over the Swedish frontier have been interned.

There is no further news from Narvik but it may be significant that on Sunday night the Admiralty was able to publish a list of casualties from H.M. destroyer Hardy which ran aground on Wednesday.

The list only gives the names of 16 killed out of a total complement of 175. It will be remembered that some of the Hardy's men were seen going ashore fully armed on a little military expedition of their own.

It is reported from Stockholm that seven German soldiers from Narvik have crossed the Swedish frontier and are now interned.

**Nazis Use Parachutes** LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Government Radio, quoted by the Stockholm Wireless, states that German parachute troops landed yesterday near Dombas on the railway junction for the line from Oslo to Trondheim and the line from Andalsnes.

**Latest German Claim** BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The official German news agency claims that Norwegian forces numbering over 2,000 have surrendered to German troops in the Christiansand region.

**1,000 Soldiers Interned** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP).—The "Aften Bladet" reports from Karlstad that one thousand Norwegian soldiers, including several officers, have crossed the frontier and have been interned.

The newspaper states that many of the officers and soldiers are mentally depressed because of their inability to fight the invaders.

They attribute their surrender to the fact that their machine guns and rifles have been sabotaged. When the firearms were issued they could not be used because they lacked important parts.

**On Swedish Border** STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Germans are reported to have reached the Norwegian-Swedish border at two points.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, announced today that the Treasury is studying the possibility of setting off possible losses to American investors in Norway and Denmark by taking over Danish and Norwegian funds impounded here.

Danish Ship  
Ignores Nazi  
Instructions

Arrives In Hongkong  
For Protection

IGNORING Nazi instructions from Copenhagen to remain in a neutral port, the 6,000-ton Danish motor-vessel Panama arrived in Hongkong early this morning to place herself at the disposal of the British naval authorities.

This action on the part of the Master of the Panama is taken to indicate that the Danish ship-owners or their agents and Masters in Far Eastern waters have no intention of aiding the German occupation of Denmark by tying up their ships.

The Panama was safe in Manila when the Germans invaded Denmark. She left Manila on Sunday for an unknown destination. Rumours on the Manila waterfront stated that she would attempt to run to the United States for safety.

**Indignant Denial** When these rumours were conveyed to the Master of the Panama he sent to the local radio station a statement stating that he was en route to the British Colony as per schedule.

The Panama is one of 25 ships of the East Asiatic Line, one of the biggest shipping lines in the Danish registry.

Arrival in Hongkong of this vessel is believed here to indicate that many other Danish and Norwegian ships will follow suit.

It is estimated that there are approximately 70 Danish and Norwegian ships on the China coast. The aggregate is over 30,000 tons.

**Two More Ships Expected** With 2,000 tons of cargo for Hongkong on board, the 6,000-ton Danish motorship Panama of the East Asiatic Co. arrived here this morning from Manila and Europe.

Two more of the same Company's fleet the 8,597-ton Afrika and the 10,517-ton Danmark are expected to arrive at Hongkong early next month.

The arrival of the Panama indicates that Danish ships are evidently following the request of the British Admiralty and are concentrating at British ports. They are thus ignoring the Nazi instructions given over the Copenhagen radio.

War Without  
Scruples

Is Hitler's Dictum

GENEVA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sensational utterances by Hitler to Professor Bueckhardt, the League Commissioner for Danzig, are the feature of Professor Bueckhardt's report to the League just published.

On August 14 last, Hitler told Professor Bueckhardt that he would not wage war like the Kaiser, "who always had scruples regarding the application of all the means at his disposal."

Hitler said that he was certain that he could count on Italian and Japanese alliances.



HERE is an interesting picture of the Stavanger aerodrome in Norway which the R.A.F. have been repeatedly bombing with great success since it was captured by the Germans last week.

New Attack  
On 'Drome

Great R.A.F. Activity  
Over Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Air Ministry has announced that the Royal Air Force this morning again bombed the Stavanger aerodrome.

The Ministry claims that there were no British losses as a result of this operation.

**Daylong Activity** LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry this evening announced: "Reconnaissance of the Norwegian coast has continued throughout the day. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, the Stavanger aerodrome has again been bombed. Several sections of Air Force aircraft were engaged, all of which returned safely."

**Raid On Air Base** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The British Air Ministry announces that R.A.F. bombers have carried out new raids on the Nazi air base at Sola, outside Stavanger.

Incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on the ground defenses, which were subsequently machine-gunned by coastal reconnaissance planes during darkness and a heavy rain squall.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered but the raiders suffered no damage.

**Transports Bombed** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that fifteen planes of the Fleet Air Arm successfully attacked German transport ships and airplanes in Bergen yesterday.

Several hits were obtained and one transport was set afire.

A small storehouse was sunk and a large flying-boat was machine-gunned and set afire.

One of the British planes failed to return.

Canadians To  
Mount Guard

Colourful Ceremony In  
London To-day

LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—Detachments of the First Canadian Division will march through London to-morrow and on Saturday when the Royal 22nd French Canadian Regiment and the Toronto Scottish arrive to take over a short period of Guard duties at the Royal Palaces.

Each unit is sending about 80 men, all chosen for duty at Buckingham Palace being six feet tall.

**Orderlies To King** The bands of the Grenadier Guards and the Welsh Guards will attend the Mounting of the Guard ceremonies and the pipe band of the Toronto Scottish will be augmented by that of the Scots Guards.

Apart from their guard duties, the Canadians will furnish a sergeant to the King and two others from each regiment will be detailed as cyclists to the King.

**Prince Edward Road Resident Robbed** Mr. A. C. Jefferys has reported to the Police the theft of money and jewellery from his house at Prince Edward Road. The articles, valued at \$62, was taken from his bedroom.

JAPANESE  
AT BAY

Chinese Press Their  
New Offensive

Chinese troops have intensified their operations along the Yangtze River below Hankow, according to reports from East Hupeh. On Sunday night, a Chinese column recaptured Lushengkung, south of Hsishui, and advanced on Lanki.

It is further claimed that another column passed over the hilly regions at Kwangsi on the same day and pushed toward Wusueh and Tien-chiachen. No active resistance was put up by the Japanese, says "Central News."

In North Huian, several Chinese units swooped down on Yanglowze on the Canton-Hankow Railway on Saturday night. They broke through the Japanese barbed-wire barricades and set fire to the railway station and Japanese supply depots nearby.

**Reinforcements Routed** A Japanese forage party of about 100 men is said to have been wiped out by Chinese troops at Namentz, on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border a few days ago.

Japanese reinforcements counter-attacking in the Anyi sector, about 20 miles north-west of Nanchang, were routed by the Chinese last Friday with heavy casualties.

In North-west Kiangsi the Chinese are pushing toward Juchang. They have reached Hochlapu, some distance west of Juchang.

**Quisling Resigns Say Nazis** LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The German-controlled Oslo Radio announced that the Quisling Puppet Government has resigned and that the administration of the German-occupied regions in Norway is taken over by an "Administrative Committee" headed by M. Christensen, Chief of the Oslo Municipal Council.

**Failure Admitted** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).—Stockholm-Radio announced to-day that Quisling, the Nazi puppet set up in Oslo by the Germans, has resigned his "premiership."

With the failure of the puppet government to obtain any support from the Norwegians, the Germans have decided to establish a Property Council to administer German-occupied territory.

The first act of the Council was to publish a warning against sabotage. King Haakon of Norway held a State Council with his Defence ministers to-day. They reported on the military situation to His Majesty.

**Successor Found** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP).—Ingolf Elster Christensen, the 68-year-old Norwegian Nazi who was Prefect of Oslo and was a former Minister of War, has replaced Quisling as the puppet Premier of Norway.

Quisling becomes Director of Demobilisation in the German-occupied areas.

The new regime, says Berlin reports, will make renewed efforts to reach a "satisfactory settlement" with King Haakon.

**Handbag Snatched** Mrs. R. Maslen of Kennedy Road, Military quarters, reported to the Police that an unidentified Chinese snatched her handbag, valued with its contents at \$38, whilst she was walking in Battery Path yesterday.

Italy Hints  
Entry Into  
War Soon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—Italy only awaits a favourable opportunity," declares the newspaper "Der Angriff."

"That moment is now much nearer."

The German newspaper was referring to the radio broadcast by Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of Ciano's organ, the "Telegrafo," in which he referred directly to the possibility of Italy soon entering the war.

Why Hitler  
Invaded  
Scandinavia

Inside Story Revealed  
By Dr. Rauschning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Hitler's invasion of Denmark and Norway had a two-fold objective, in the opinion of Herr Hermann Rauschning, former President of the Danzig Senate and author of the well-known book "Hitler Told Me."

Firstly, he believes, it is Hitler's aim to guard the iron ore supply from Sweden.

Secondly, he wishes to secure favourable U-Boat and aerial bases to permit him to carry out a massive attack against the United Kingdom.

**Invasion Of England** "An invasion of England does not lie outside the strategic plan of the German High Command," Herr Rauschning declared.

"Geering personally intimated to me before the war that he was prepared, in case of extreme necessity, to use and sacrifice Germany's entire air force in an effort to permit an army of occupation to invade England," he added.

"The attempt to secure operational bases in Norway is an attempt to realise this German plan."

"The plan will be preceded by the occupation of Sweden, which may well occur within the next few days."

**Russia Unpredictable** Whether Soviet Russia will play a part is unpredictable, Herr Rauschning said.

"I suppose, however, Russia will take advantage of the opportunity Hitler's invasion of Scandinavia presents to try and secure access to the Atlantic."

"It is conceivable that there will be Russo-German co-operation within the framework of a prior military alliance."

"If Russia does co-operate with Germany she will, in all probability, make a simultaneous invasion of all the Baltic States—Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Finland."

**Other Speculations** LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—In the speculation on the motive inspiring Germany's invasion of Denmark and Norway, stress has been laid in some quarters on what were stated to be the augmented stores of petrol in Denmark as well as Danish food supplies.

Authorities in fuel questions in Britain are not inclined to place very high Germany's gains in petrol. The total supplies available in Denmark are put by one writer at 200,000 tons, equal only to a fortnight's German peace-time consumption.

If this figure is compared with the generally-accepted estimate that in the Polish campaign the Germans used 2,500,000 tons of petrol in three weeks, it is seen to represent a very minor addition to the resources of the aggressor, and it should be remembered also that if Germany seized the whole of this, Danish agriculture would be deprived of motor power and would be unable to supply Germany.

Moreover, to come by this small store, Germany has been involved in a campaign which is costing heavy expenditure in petrol.

Incidentally, Germany is reported to be experiencing great difficulty in obtaining Rumanian oil owing to the flooding of the Danube.

## NAZIS REDUCED TO

1 Battle-Cruiser  
1 Pocket Battleship  
1 Light Cruiser

11 Destroyers  
Half The Number  
Of U-Boats

LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—Now that more detailed reports are available of the naval action in Norwegian waters, it is possible to give a fair estimate of what part of the German fleet, as it existed at the beginning of the war, is now left capable of action.

Authoritative London naval circles express the opinion that the effective strength of the German fleet consists of one battle cruiser, possibly one pocket battleship, one light cruiser, 11 destroyers and half the number of U-boats.

Of her two battle-cruisers, the Gneisenau has been claimed as sunk by the Norwegians, and the Scharnhorst was seriously damaged by the Humber.

With the Graf Spee scuttled and the Admiral Scheer torpedoed, there is only the Deutschland left of the pocket battleships, and she has suddenly become the Lutzw, leaving her former name to be given to one of the new battleships recently launched.

At the time of the announcement, the German practice of handing on the names of sunken ships to new vessels was recalled.

**How Ships Have Been Lost** Of the two heavy cruisers, one, later announced by the German Command as the Blucher, has been sunk, but it is thought that this announcement was probably made to cover the loss of the Gneisenau and the Blucher or another "Hipper" class vessel which has been sunk as well.

One light cruiser was sunk by the Uraals in December; one was hit by a torpedo from the Salmon in the same month in circumstances which raised a strong presumption that she sank; one was sunk by a submarine on April 9; one was hit by a bomb off Bergen on April 9; the Karlsruhe was sunk on April 10 and one was hit by three bombs on April 10, leaving probably one of this type still serviceable.

**11 Destroyers Sunk** Germany had 22 destroyers, of which 11 definitely have been sunk, with a strong probability of two or three more.

In the week April 8 to 14, 19 German transport and supply ships were destroyed, and one of 8,514 tons and three trawlers have been captured.

Other transports have been bombed and at least two convoys were torpedoed, but precise details are as yet lacking.

It is probable that certain Nazi ships, which were building at the beginning of the war, are now in commission but such naval strength as Germany had is gravely impaired.

**More Border Raid Victims** Five Chinese, Ko Ying, Wong Sun, Wong Yuen, Lau Tai and Wai Chai, have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital following the bombing of shayuehung on April 13.

British Legation  
Arrives Home

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Members of the British Legation and Consulate staff in Denmark, including the British Minister to Denmark, arrived in England to-night.

**Party Of 82 Safe** LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—A party consisting of British diplomatic and consular officials and their relatives released from Denmark arrived in England to-night.

They numbered 82 and included the British Minister in Copenhagen, Mr. Howard Smith.

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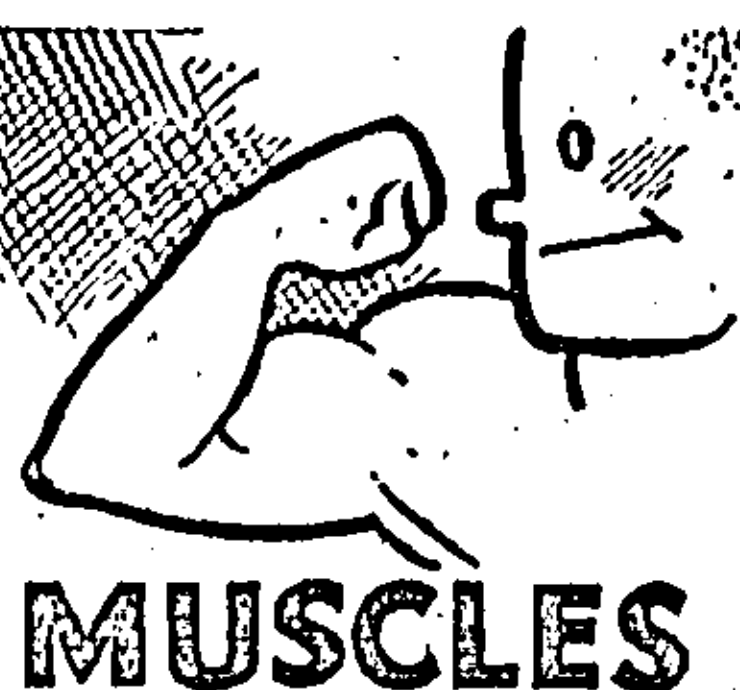
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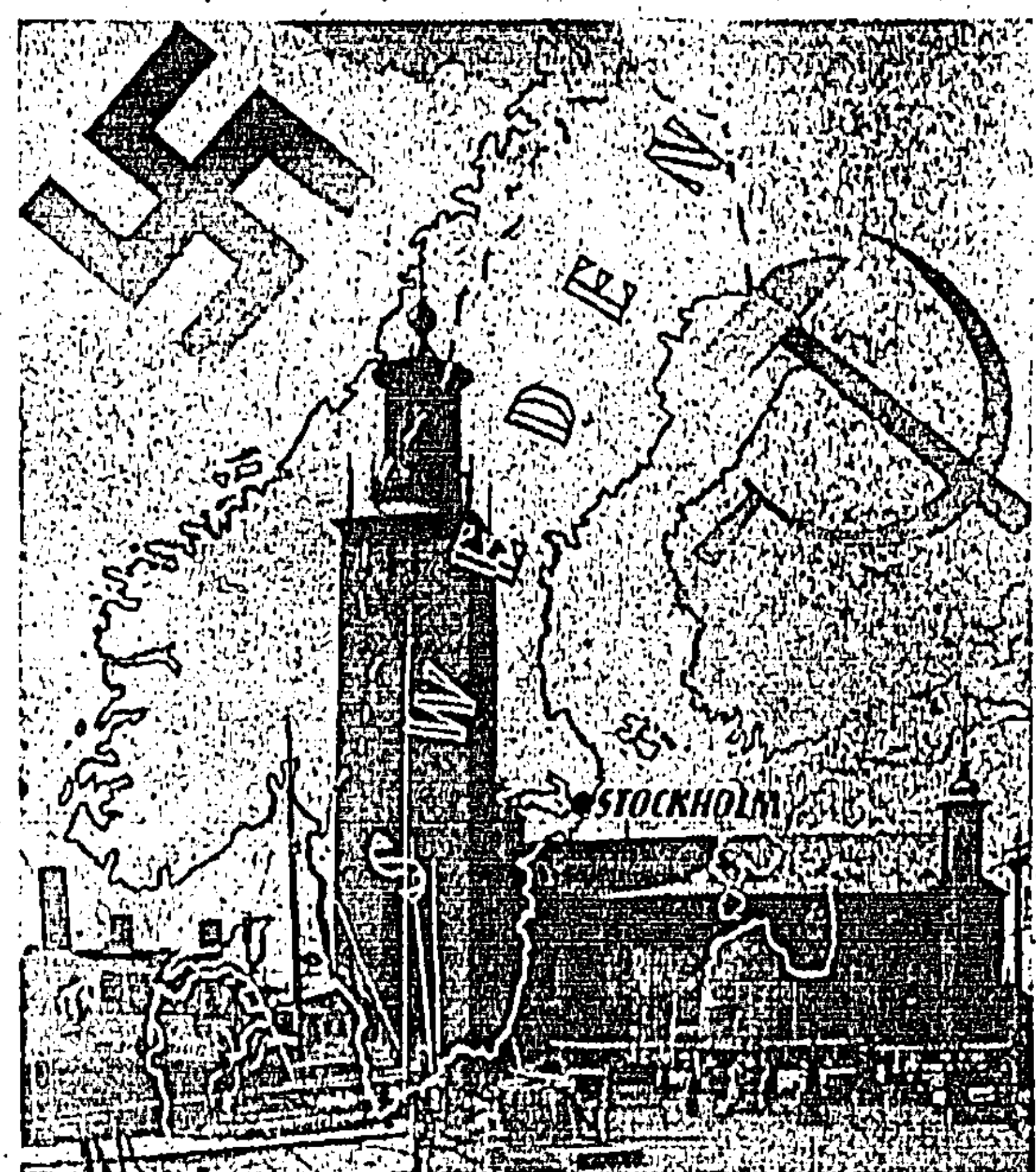
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## Crusoe Debunked

A NAZI writer has done a  
useful bit of work in showing up  
Robinson Crusoe for what he  
really was—an unscrupulous  
Briton tyrannising over defence-  
less savages and depriving Man  
Friday of his Lebensraum.Perhaps most readers of the  
famous tale had never thought of  
it in that light. But that  
presumably is because they are  
mostly British. Defoe we must  
now see as a sinister propa-  
gandist, upholder and exponent  
of British imperialism.Our colonial iniquities are ap-  
parently of much longer stand-  
ing than we had suspected.On the other hand, we find  
native races the world over  
simply longing to place them-  
selves under the benevolent pro-  
tection of the Swastika.When the Nazis have treated  
the populations of Czecho-  
Slovakia and Poland so well, it  
stands to reason that they would  
be not less kindly in Africa or  
elsewhere."Taking it all in all," the Nazi  
writer comments, "we Germans  
are incredibly harmless people."  
Yes, incredibly! This harmles-  
ness has expressed itself even  
more eloquently since Hitler  
came to power than heretofore.The German propaganda  
machine must indeed be  
gravelled for matter, in its cam-  
paign to blacken Great Britain,  
if it has to turn to masterpieces  
like "Robinson Crusoe" in search  
of revelations.We make it a present of  
"Gulliver's Travels" and any  
other classic that takes its fancy.Further proofs of British  
villainy should not be hard to get  
—provided one brings the  
necessary mental bias to the  
task.SHADOWS  
OVER  
SWEDENIN the Opera House the  
voices are rising and  
interweaving to ideal  
patterns traced by the baton  
of Fritz Busch. Dry, clear  
and gay is this production  
of "Cosi Fan Tutte," a great  
German and the Swedish  
genius for decors have com-  
bined to make as fine a  
version as Europe is likely  
to see.But the Swedes who crowd the  
stalls and balconies are not watching  
with complete attention; they are  
aware that a few miles away, the  
war has come to their back door,  
and straight ahead, through the  
wood and canvas Mediterranean of  
the backcloth, Germans, cut off from  
their bases by the British Navy, can  
now obtain their supplies by one  
route. That route lies through  
Sweden.They know, too, that the contrast  
here is only a miniature of the  
tragedy confronting Sweden on the  
stage of world politics.Once ancient Crete found itself in  
a situation which was not dissimilar.  
In a thousand years of peace a society  
developed where tools were works  
of art and central heating warmed  
the houses of the rich; so long a  
freedom from war raised civilisation  
to a plane where it could refine the  
detail of living. Unfortunately the  
Cretans forgot the ugly business of  
defending themselves and were swept  
out of existence by the first invader.IN modern Sweden it is not just  
that the draughts of Great Bri-  
tain are unthinkable, that the build-  
ings of Stockholm reach a general  
standard unequalled by any other  
capital, that a button at your bedside  
unbolts the door or a switch in the  
sleeping-car procures as tropical a  
temperature as you wish.The virtues of democracy are  
entirely solid. Slums—which do not  
exist—seem a medieval blot on the  
landscape of backward countries;  
pensions, insurance, co-operation,  
are organised to high efficiency. The  
children in elementary schools have  
free doctoring and dentistry, and it  
is 20 years since the State limited the  
working day of the adult to eight  
hours.This country, which war has not  
touched for well over a century, has  
come to believe in civilisation, prov-  
ing it by the expenditure of tens of  
millions of kronor more each year on  
social services than on armaments.But now, in the course of a few  
months, the shadows of Crete are  
gathering.War in the south between  
Germany and the Western Powers  
she could have survived without  
risking her highly-manicured hands  
in it. Her iron-ore may be help-  
ing Germany—though not so  
much, she keeps telling her conse-  
science, as to help indispensably—  
ships may be being sunk, the thicket  
of wireless masts on the roof of the  
German Legation may be preparing  
heaven knows how much trouble;  
but none of these things is worth  
a resistance which would mean des-  
truction by Germany.FAIR more alarming to Swedish  
nerves is the German assault on  
her neighbour Norway. For this,  
Sweden foresees, is going to have  
immediate and tangible effects on  
herself.If Britain maintains the blockade  
that cuts the German invaders off  
from their bases marches to the  
frontier, the least that can happen is  
the creation of an alternative route  
across the Baltic. At worst Russia  
may be expected to join Germany in  
a race by the iron-ore mines in the  
north and for domination of Sweden  
politically and economically.The people are divided as to the  
best course of action. The Govern-  
ment believes in inaction, hinting at  
knowledge that Germany will invade  
if help is given to Norway. Defence  
works are being rushed up on Skane-  
kon, coastal batteries and entanglements  
learned from Maginot and Manner-  
helm; but these are unfinished andcould not withstand the few divisions  
Germany would release from the  
Western Front. Half the army is in  
the north; its worth, after years of  
economy, is unknown.Pacifism, in this atmosphere, can  
go to extreme lengths. We must  
accept this fact," said one of the most  
distinguished Social Democrats at  
a secret party meeting, "Finland  
was Lebensraum of Russia, Sweden  
may be the Lebensraum of Ger-  
many."But the interventionists, shocked  
and indignant at the less spectacular  
pacifism expressed by the Govern-  
ment, have strong arguments and  
stronger feelings on their side. To  
quieten growing public excitement it  
was necessary for the King to en-  
dorse the policy, and even then the  
brave man of Scandinavia, a jour-  
nalist called Dr. Segerstedt, wrote:  
"The Government has played the  
king, but the ace of fate will beat  
that."He meant that the dangers of non-  
intervention are more certain than  
those of attack. For if Germany,  
be allowed to expand as she likes,  
Sweden will fall not merely into  
her grip but into Russia's, the tradi-  
tional enemy.To this turmoil of prophecies and  
forebodings we must add the  
hopes centred on England. Sweden  
is far more pro-British than she  
was in the last war. "How couldwe like a regime of gangsters?" one  
said to me. "Those people don't be-  
long to the twentieth century."So certain was this Swede of the  
sympathies of his country that he  
argued in favour of a British inva-  
sion to fight Russia when she was  
invading Finland. Resistance he  
said, would mean alignment with  
Germany, and this was impossible.  
Two days later a more elderly Swede  
was warning me in tones as urgent  
as if they were addressed to Mr.  
Winston Churchill that an expedition  
of this kind would be fatal since it  
would throw Sweden into Germany's  
arms.Both these schools of thought  
assume that Britain will send effec-  
tive help to Scandinavia.MEANWHILE some are enrolling to  
fight in Norway, as they enrolledThree Powers have guaranteed her  
security: two more would like to—So what has  
Rumania got to  
worry about?

RUMANIA lives under the shadow

of a great fear.

And yet three Powers have guar-  
anteed her security, and two more  
are anxious to guarantee it.Why is Rumania embarrassed by  
guarantors and would-be guarantors?  
Why, if five Powers wish to preserve  
her, does she live in fear?When Great Britain and France  
gave a guarantee to Poland they  
gave one to Rumania, too. Turkey  
has guaranteed her against aggres-  
sion by any European Power except  
Russia. Count Ciano and Count  
Czaky have offered her a guarantee  
on behalf of their countries, Italy  
and Hungary.

So what are Rumania's worries?

SHE is in the most dangerous  
position in which any State  
can be—she is richer than she is  
strong. She is adjoined by one  
Great Power—Russia—and within  
the sphere of influence of another  
—Germany. And both have designs  
against her.(1) Why does Russia look towards  
Rumania? Bessarabia, now a pro-  
vince of the Kingdom of Rumania,  
belonged to Russia until the Revolu-  
tion of 1917. A quarter of the popu-  
lation of Bessarabia is Russian in  
birth and speech.

Russia can find an excuse there.

(2) And what is Germany's in-  
terest in Rumania? It is even more  
acute than Russia's. Rumania has oil  
wells. She produces seven million  
tons of crude oil a year; Germany  
consumes 7,000,000 tons of petrol a  
year in peace, and probably more  
than double that amount in war.  
Control of Rumania's oil would make  
a vast improvement in Germany's  
position.At present though she sends three-  
fifths of her total exports to Ger-  
many, Rumania sends her only  
1,500,000 tons of oil, one-third of  
her total oil exports. In the recent  
trade negotiations Germany in a  
dispute, but has not succeeded in  
getting it. Control of Rumania's  
cereals and timber, too, would not  
come amiss, and Germany has now  
obtained a devaluation of Rumanian  
currency which increases her own  
purchasing power.Germany has no common frontier  
with Rumania, German troops wouldhave to cross Hungary, or Russian  
Poland, before they could enter  
Rumania.It is difficult to say whether most  
Rumanians dread a German or a  
Russian occupation the more.Probably the richer classes fear  
the Russians the more, the poorer  
the Germans. But the majority of  
Rumanians would wish to resist  
either. And Rumania has the cleav-  
erest, most masterful King in Europe,  
determined to pass on his inheritance  
intact to his son, the Crown Prince  
Michael.(3) Why do Hungary and Italy  
offer Rumania a guarantee? What do  
they want in return? And why does  
this embarrass Rumania?Because Rumania holds the former  
Hungarian province of Transylvania,  
which she received as a reward for  
coming in on the side of the Allies  
in the last war. Hungary's price  
for a guarantee is the return of  
three-quarters of this territory—and  
if Rumania refuses to pay Hungary  
might invade Transylvania the moment  
Russia invaded Bessarabia.So it's six of one and half a dozen  
of the other. Rumania may fall  
between two stools.(4) What is Italy's interest? Mus-  
solini wishes to possess a dominant  
influence in the Balkans. He does  
not want to see Russia encroaching  
upon his neighbours. It is his desire  
and his interest to see the Balkan  
countries united instead of bickering.  
Rumania is Italy's first line of de-  
fence against Russia.(5) Rumania possesses a province  
on the Black Sea called Dobruja.  
This previously belonged to Bulgaria,  
so Bulgaria has a grievance.The country would have the  
will to resist. Would it  
possess the means?Rumania has a population of about  
19,000,000. Two-thirds of these have  
Rumanian as their native tongue.  
The remaining third of the popula-  
tion comes from very diverse origins.  
There are nearly 2,000,000 Hungari-  
ans; about 1,000,000 Russians; and  
600,000 Germans. For the rest, there  
are Bulgarians, Turks, Jews, miscellane-  
ous Slavs, and a few Poles.Some of these do not matter. But  
the Hungarians, Russians, Germans  
and Bulgarians, though many of themare loyal enough, must all be ac-  
counted elements of weakness; and  
especially the Germans, who have  
the typical Nazi organisation, with  
every member ready to betray his  
country for the sake of pan-German-  
ism should Hitler decide to strike.Everybody knows how the Germa-  
n minority in Poland conducted espion-  
age and helped to disorganise the  
Polish defences. The Rumanian  
Nazis, and their non-German Fascist  
friends in the Iron Guard, would  
follow the German Police's example.Her acquisitions have troubled Ru-  
manian's population and vastly in-  
creased her territory and economic  
resources. But naturally each of  
them has created a potential enemy  
in the State which was deprived of  
a province.RUMANIA could put into the  
field an army of 1,600,000  
men. But these men would not all  
be equally valuable as soldiers.  
There would be great differences in  
the quantity and quality of their  
equipment. Vast sums—in propor-  
tion to the national Budget—have  
been spent in recent years on arma-  
ments and equipment. But Ru-  
manian's army remains similar in  
type to Poland's rather than to the  
armies of Germany or the Western  
democracies. Her air force, recently  
reinforced by British bombers, num-  
bers about 600 machines.Rumania, too, resembles Poland  
in being an agricultural rather than  
an industrial country. She is not  
sufficiently industrialised to produce  
adequate arms and equipment for  
her forces. She must depend to a  
large extent on outside supplies, and  
without them she would be helpless  
against vast mechanised attacks.Her resistance, if attacked, must  
depend on how the British and  
French guarantees are fulfilled. To  
give her direct military assistance  
would be extremely difficult—but  
extremely valuable.  
The knowledge that any invasion  
of Rumania is almost bound to de-  
velop into a race between Germany  
and Russia for the oilwells, may  
deter either from undertaking it.But if she is attacked there would  
be no better way of enforcing her  
blockade, and so hastening the end  
of the war, than by giving Rumania  
active assistance in denying her re-  
sources to our enemies.



## ROOSEVELT WARNING

### European Peace Must Be Lasting

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—“The co-operative peace of the Western hemisphere was not created by wishing and it will require more than words to maintain it,” declared President Roosevelt when addressing the Pan-American Union here to-day.

“We have only asked the world to go with us in the path of peace,” he continued. “But we shall be able to keep that way only if we are prepared to meet force with force, if the challenge is ever given.”

Earlier in his speech, President Roosevelt said that what had happened in the Old World directly and powerfully affected the peace and well-being of the New World. It was for this reason that they had adopted this procedure enabling them to meet any eventuality.

“At Lima,” he said, “we agreed to stand together to defend and maintain the absolute integrity of every American nation from any attack, direct or indirect, from beyond the seas.”

“At Panama we worked out ways and means for keeping the war away from this hemisphere. I pray God we shall not have to do more than that. But should it be necessary, I am convinced that we should be wholly successful.”

“The inner strength of a group of free people is irresistible when they are prepared to act.”

#### The Value Of Love

“I affirm that life must be based on positive values. The value of love will always be stronger than the value of hate since any nation or group of nations which employs hatred eventually is torn to pieces by hatred within itself.”

“The value of belief in humanity is always stronger than the value of belief in force because force at last turns inward and if that occurs each man or group of men is finally compelled to measure his strength against his own brother.”

At the commencement of his speech, President Roosevelt said that peace between the American nations remained secure owing to the instruments they had created, embodying in a great measure the principles on which enduring peace must be based throughout the world.

Peace remained in the Western hemisphere, he said, because each nation had agreed to respect the integrity and independence of the others, because they have agreed as neighbours should, to mind their own business and renounced the right to interfere with others, domestic affairs because they had agreed to settle any dispute by friendly negotiation rather than by force.

Peace remained also because they had recognised the principle that only through mutually beneficial international and economic relations could each have adequate access to materials and opportunities which were necessary to the rising level of the economic well-being of their peoples.

#### Democracies

“We of this hemisphere do not need to seek a new international order,” he said. “We have already found it. This was not done by hysterical outcries or violent movements of troops. We did not stamp out nations, capture governments or uproot innocent people from their homes. We did not invent the absurd doctrine of race supremacy or claim dictatorship through universal revolution.”

#### Press Support

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A “New York Times” editorial supports President Roosevelt’s blunt condemnation of the German action.

“American neutrality does not imply cowardly silence in the face of brutal invasion of small countries. The President has expressed the feelings of an overwhelming majority of our people,” says the paper.

Another “New York Times” editorial on the Scandinavian merchant marine says: “Hitler has generously handed back to the Allies more than all of their merchant shipping tonnage sunk by German submarines and mines since the start of the war.”

#### U.S. And War

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—“I hope and think that we are going to keep out of the war,” Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Senate Naval Committee to-day.

Testifying on the proposed \$65,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill, Admiral Stark said that in the past the United States had entered every war unprepared but the lack of preparation had never deterred the American people from deciding on war when they felt the necessity for it had arrived nor were they likely to be so deterred in the future.

“It certainly seems essential to-day very much more than in 1922 to support at least a 5-5-3 ratio,” he added.

## PRINCE BISMARCK AS DIPLOMAT

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced that Prince Bismarck, at present head of the political department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed First Counsellor to the German Embassy in Rome, and Second Counsellor at the Embassy, Herr von Plessen, has been given the rank of Minister.

The official German news agency comments: “The strengthening of our diplomatic representation in Rome is a new sign of the active co-operation of the two Axis powers and demonstrates the particular importance which Fascist Italy has in the foreign relations of the Reich.”



DURING THE recent Japanese landing in the Chungshan district near Macao, smoke-screens were employed to hide the movements of the invaders.—Domci.

## BRITISH ENTRY INTO NARVIK

(Official Confirmation By B.B.C.)

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The news of the British capture of Narvik and the surrounding country was broadcast to the Norwegian people by the B.B.C. in a message in the Norwegian news bulletin this evening.

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).

—The “Dagens Nyheter” says the Norwegians have confirmed that the British fleet destroyed all German warships which remained in Narvik Harbour after hard fighting.

The British forces included the battleship Warspite and some cruisers which chased the last German destroyers into the narrow Rombosund Fjord, where they were sunk by gunfire.

Norwegian troops are ready to occupy Narvik any hour as mobilization has been completed in north Norway. A new German attempt to land troops is impossible.

Norwegian troops are concentrated north and west of Narvik, ready for a final attack against the surrounded German forces.

Meanwhile, the local radio states that the German attack on Kongsvinger continues but the Norwegians are consolidating their position miles to the westward.

Fierce fighting is continuing at Hegre, east of Trondheim. Norwegian troops have withdrawn from Skarnes and the Germans have captured a new bridge over the river Flommen.

#### Nazis Lose Iron

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—By the British occupation of Narvik, the Germans are deprived of about one quarter of their iron ore supplies, but their loss is even greater than this, stated an Iron and Steel expert.

This expert told “Reuter” that since the war began, the total effective iron-making resources of Germany have been cut by a full half. They must have the rich iron ore from Scandinavia to mix with their own low-grade mineral to permit operation of the basic Bessemer or Thomas process, which is the foundation of their steel industry in normal times.

The expert said that the Germans have only one way of countering the Narvik blow and that is by ruthless collection of scrap even to the point of disorganising general industry by lifting secondary railway lines and pulling down structures.

#### Norwegians Resist

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Army is fighting stubbornly to hold up the German drive towards the Swedish frontier, north-west of Oslo.

The Germans are now believed to be six miles from Kongsvinger. Many hundreds of Norwegians have been killed in this sector, states the Kongsvinger correspondent of the “Aften Bladet.”

A large concentration of German troops is also reported in the region of Skarnes, 12 miles west of Kongsvinger and one of the key points on the Norwegian front.

#### Landing At Lofoten Is

PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The newspaper “Le Temps” states that the Lofoten Islands, opposite Narvik, is one of the points at which the British Expeditionary Force has landed.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET FIRM

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly firm with the prices in most sections tending to improve despite the paucity of business.

The final payment on the new Three Per Cent. War loan was made to-day.

Over £100,000,000 changed hands but without any disturbance to the money market. Adequate preliminary arrangements were previously made in order to facilitate the operation.

## Admiral Scheer's Probable Fate

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In connection with the news that the Admiral Scheer was hit by one or possibly two British torpedoes, naval observers here are of the opinion that if she has not actually gone to the bottom she will certainly be out of use for some months.

The Graf Spee battle in the River Plate showed that the pocket-battleship has to sacrifice heavy armour.

## LETTERS

### 'Erbert' Iggs Again

To The Editor,  
The “Hongkong Telegraph.”  
dear mister editor,—that was a good bit you ad in the telegraf the uver day about ships motes. It put me in mind of wat my pal bert miflin told me about the “R” class submarines in the last war (1914-1918 I mean you ave to be careful wat war you talks about now don't yer)

bert told me one of the “R” boats ad motto “R's First” but the skipper made em take it darn becos they ung it outside a place wat was very ard to get into.

then there was anuver boat wat ad the motto “R” and a bloke asked one of the lads if e knew wat it meant.

yusir sez the lad it means “chief's tot's best if you kin git it.”

torkin about tot's I erd the uver day about a honkong lady wat went aboard H.M.S.—(s-s-s-s-sh) and when she came ashore she went in the honkong hotel to wash er arse.

all bums was there snooping about ter get sum dope for the noospapers and erd er say oh deer deer know I ave been aboard the ship an ad sixteen of them deer little tot's wat the sailors ave an I feels quite dizzy.

theres some nice ladies in honkong aint there mister editor I wish all the bloke could get old of a couple unversive I got a feelin I will ave to go in for one of them mixed marriages the morning post as been advertising.

yores trewly

ps: old alf took a party up the blinkin peak last night—e couldnt ave been on the level—could e?

## Glowing Press Tributes

### Brussels Newspapers Laud British Navy

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Brussels Press generally features in glowing headlines the British naval successes.

Though many tributes are paid to the participants in the Narvik action, commentators seem even more impressed by the mine-laying along the German Baltic ports on the coast.

The “Pays Reel,” in an article entitled “Honneur Aux Anglais,” writes: “Still more brilliant, though more discreet, is the mine-laying in the German internal lake from Copenhagen to Memel. The mines may be swept, but the fact that the Navy has slipped through the network of German coast defences is stupendous. This action is one of the highest heroisms.”

The “Peuple” writes: “Germany is henceforth not only cut off from the North Sea, but cannot navigate in her own lake. The real blockade is now beginning.”

The “Gazette de Charleroi” writes: “The Allies have spontaneously, rapidly and effectively helped Norway despite the great intervening distance. They will help us, if we are attacked in our turn, even quicker because our country is nearer and they have guaranteed its integrity.”

## Dynamite Thrown At Junk

Pak Hel-ming, master of an unlicensed trading junk, has reported to the Police that on April 6 near Ping Hoi cly a junk drew near to his vessel and the crew threw dynamite at them.

It is alleged that the raiders stole \$31,016 worth of wolfram ore and oil.

One passenger, Chan Tai, was killed by the explosion and was later buried at Ping Hoi.

## ITALIAN “EXERCISES”

### Manoeuvres As Warning To Allies?

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Reports are current here that the first and second Italian naval squadrons started their Spring exercises to-day.

Official quarters stated to-night that no information was available about the movements of the ships.

Actually both squadrons have been on partial manoeuvres since the middle of March.

It is apparent that the extent of the present manoeuvres is a cruise to Durazzo by the first squadron and a cruise from Spezia to Gaeta and round Sicily by the second squadron.

In diplomatic circles it is felt that the movements should be regarded as a measure to assist Germany by warning the Allies that the Mediterranean cannot be depleted of units to reinforce those in the North Sea.

## Singing New Tune

### Difficulties In Norway Admitted By Nazis

BRUSSELS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The German Press is already beginning to talk of the difficulty of operations in Norway.

The “Montag” says: “We must reckon on further continuation of British attacks against Narvik,” and adds: “The German High Command knew that war in Northern Europe would not be child's play. Such an action cannot be assured without losses and without massive use of all German arms.”

#### Jubilant Disappears

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The note of jubilation over the events in Norway has completely disappeared from the German press and efforts are being made to prepare the public for the loss of Narvik.

While official circles freely admit that the German Navy has suffered heavy losses, they deny that they are so big as the British claim.

#### Usual Cover-Up Tactics

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Germans are resorting to their usual tactics in order to cover up their losses.

The evening papers on Sunday contained allegations about defenceless German sailors at Narvik being shot at in the water. The accounts did not say how the sailors came to be in the water.

The Germans have not published anything about the German losses at Narvik and merely mention that strong British forces are blockading the port.

These tactics have been used before, for instance, in the case of the Graf Spee. A ridiculous story, proved incorrect by a neutral committee, stated that the British had used poison gas. Also in the case of the Albatross, German seamen were said to have been murdered by the British.

#### Little More Intelligent

A more intelligent attempt to prepare Germans for bad news is made by the “Frankfurter Zeitung,” which warns its readers that the British Navy is strong and that when an attack comes, it will be conducted with finest determination.

The paper says, however, that the air force is really the important factor, and that the German fleet has behind it the strongest air force in the world. The paper does not mention that half the German fleet has been sunk, nor that the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm have already had remarkable successes in Norway.

## Sweden's “State Of Preparedness”

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—What is described as “a state of preparedness” against aerial attack has been proclaimed in certain parts of southern and western Sweden.

It will come into force to-morrow.

#### Air Raid Precautions

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Swedish air raid precaution measures are being extended to cover most of the country.

On Sunday Swedish anti-aircraft batteries, after firing warning shots, brought down a German plane which flew over the west coast.

Another Nazi plane landed owing to petrol shortage. Its crew are now interned.

#### Oil Requisitioned

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A Government decree requisitions all mineral and oil in Sweden.

## FOREIGN PLANES OVER HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced that anti-aircraft guns opened fire and air patrols went up against French and German aeroplanes which were sighted over Dutch territorial waters yesterday.

Protests have been made to London, Paris and Berlin.

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—It was learned here to-night that it is not yet certain whether Mr. Chamberlain will make a statement to the House of Commons to-morrow.

## SWEDEN IMPRESSED

### Swiftiness Of Allied Operation

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—News of the landing of British troops in Norway has caused a sensation in Sweden. The speed of the operation, considering the natural difficulties of the coastline, has made a deep impression.

Everyone is asking how the British have been able to establish bases on the coast—and where.

Narvik is thought to be too far north. It is believed that the troops must have landed much farther south in order to provide urgently required assistance.

Gravest concern is felt here with regard to the situation in Norway and hopes are expressed that the British have been able to land in time effectively to hold up the invasion.

## Precautions By Neutrals

### Luxembourg Forbids Crowds To Gather

LUXEMBOURG, April 15 (Reuter).—A Police regulation is issued forbidding groups of over three people in the streets after nightfall.

Any meetings in private places, in which foreigners principally participate, must be notified to the Police beforehand.

The civil guards recently established at Luxembourg and Esch now help to guard public buildings and streets during the night.

#### Swedish Precautions

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).—Stockholm Radio announces by Government order “air protection” regulations including blackout measures which will be enforced in certain districts of Sweden beginning at noon on Tuesday.

The districts involved are Gower, the most southern district of Sweden, Wernland Province in the west and the island of Gotland.

## ANGLO-BALKAN PARLEYS END

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The conversations between the British Ministers of the Balkans and Foreign Office officials ended this evening.

The Ministers are expected to return to their posts within a few days.

The conversations have given satisfaction in various departments concerned and the way is now open for a British drive to strengthen the existing links between the peoples of the Balkans and the Western democracies.

## Nazis' Navigation Warning

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The official German wireless this evening repeatedly broadcast an “important navigation warning,” stating that it must be reckoned that all lights and beacons on the southern coast of Sweden will be extinguished.

## GOLDEN GRIFFIN STOMACH TEA

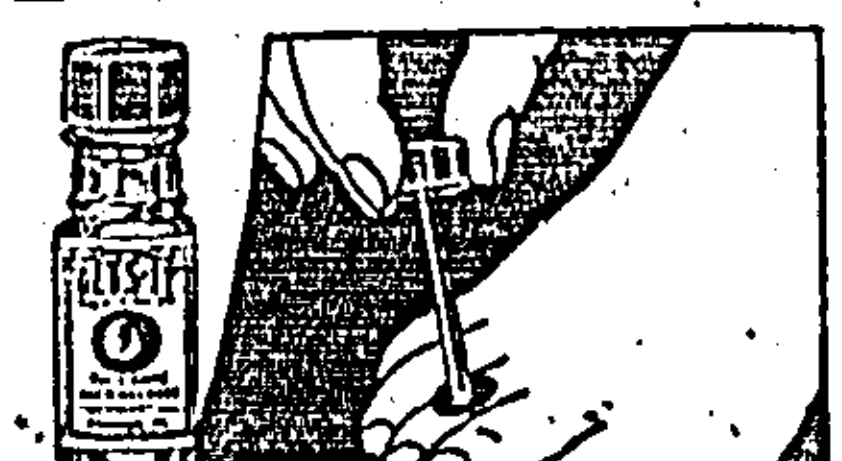
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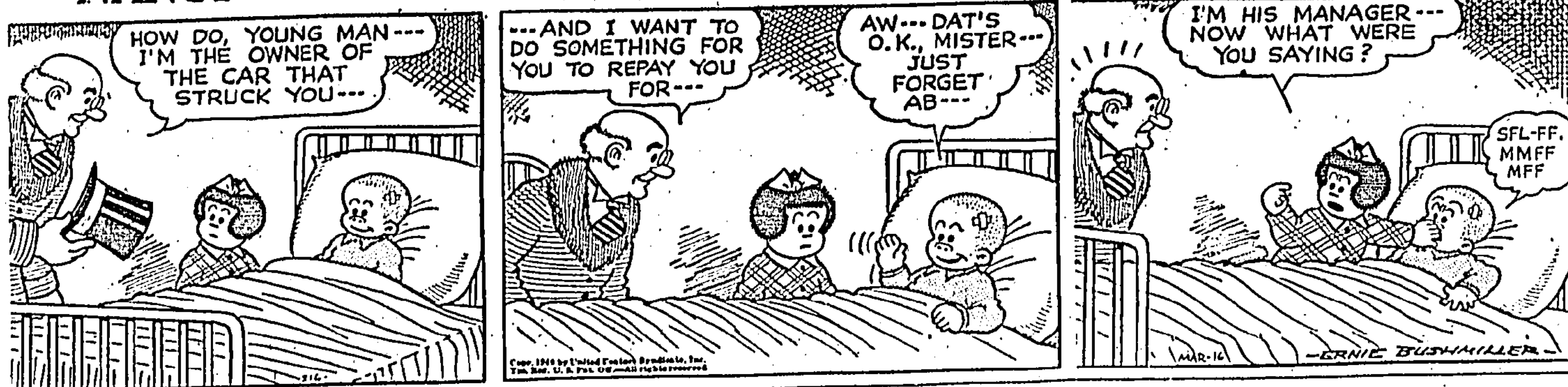


# NINE RECORDS BROKEN AT WAH YAN COLLEGE ANNUAL SPORTS

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.



# NANCY



Careless Gossip May Have Sealed Fate of the Sultan Star

## The Enemy Inside Britain

### Nazi Ears Wide Open for Secrets Revealed in Casual Chatter

WORLD'S BIGGEST LINER

THE ENEMY inside Britain is on the alert with wide-open ears for secrets revealed in careless gossip. The Government has warned the nation of the dangers of what might be serious leakages of vital information.

Here, Alfred W. Ewing, son of Sir Alfred Ewing, famous chief of Room 40 O.B. (the Admiralty's secret deciphering department in the last war), tells how a chance remark can change the whole course of a war.

By ALFRED W. EWING

THOUSANDS of loyal British men and women are doing their best to help Germany win the war.

They are not deliberate traitors. They are the careless talkers, the gossipers who prattle in public of official secrets. They talk openly because they think there is no danger in this country.

But the most dangerous of all Nazi arms is right here in Britain. It is the "Fifth Column" of Nazi sympathisers, of secret agents, of paid and unpaid helpers of Germany and Russia.

#### What Gossip Cost Germany

If you think a few careless words do not matter, and that too much fuss is being made of the anti-gossip campaign organised by the Government, just consider these tremendous events of the last war:

A casual word led to the discovery of a gigantic plot which brought America into the war.

Indiscretion by one or two Germans cost them the battleship Blücher in 1915.

One instance of carelessness with confidential papers put German code books into our possession and enabled us to decipher messages of the German Government and High Command throughout the war.

EVERY ONE OF US MUST PUT A BRIDLE ON HIS TONGUE AND PADLOCK HIS LIPS. EVERY TITTLE OF NEWS ABOUT MEN, TROOPS, FACTORIES, SHIPS, TIMES OF SAILING, UNITS, PRICES, TYPES OF EQUIPMENT... IS VALUABLE TO THE ENEMY.

#### A Scot Who Kept Mum

My father, a shrewd Scot, well knew the importance of keeping a secret. He even kept the nature of his work secret from me, his son.

Not until 1925, seven years after the Armistice, was it publicly revealed that he was the man in charge of Room 40 O.B.

Not by so much as a hint did he tell me what he was doing at the Admiralty. While I was on active service he once wrote to me:

"I can't tell you anything about my work just now. When the war is over there will be much to tell. Meanwhile, one can at least feel that it is useful in a quiet way."

It has been suggested that the sinking of the Sultan Star the other day was the direct result of careless chatter by members of the public who had inside information.

At Plymouth last week Lady Astor said:

"Suppose that through some carelessness the Germans had got to know the exact time that the Exeter was coming. I have heard from people, some distance from Plymouth, who knew two days before that the Exeter was coming. I think it is criminal."

It was criminal. Just how criminal and dangerous may be judged by the experience of my father.

He was in charge of the secret deciphering department at the Admiralty. His main work was the decoding of wireless messages. His greatest helpers were the Germans and the German agents who could not keep their mouths shut.

For example, there was the sinking of the Blücher.

TALK PICKED UP IN GERMANY BY BRITISH SECRET AGENTS GAVE THE FIRST HINT THAT THE GERMAN FLEET WAS ABOUT TO MOVE.

Intercepted wireless messages confirmed the gossip which the agents had reported. By these two means my father in Room 40 O.B. was able to plot the movements of the German ships.

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#### Plot Exposed

Mr. Winston Churchill read the deciphered messages. Orders were flashed immediately to Admiral Jellicoe with the Grand Fleet, to Admiral Beatty with the battle-cruisers, to Commander Tyrwhitt with the light cruisers and destroyers. The result was the victory of the Dogger Bank.

Careless talk brought America into the war on the side of the Allies... in this way.

The German Minister in Mexico had a chat with the Swedish Minister in that country. There was much talk of high politics... and the Swedish Minister was promised a German order. But somebody else heard about that.

This leakage of information led to further examination of the German Minister's activities. Gossip led to suspicion and investigation.

A German plot was exposed. Germany was making an offer to Mexico for an alliance against the United States.

Room 40 O.B. published its discovery... and American opinion, swayed by indignation and fury, swept that country into the war against Germany.

## New Menace To Health In Hongkong

Cigarette Stubs Found To Be Germ Carriers

Do cigarette smokers in Hongkong realise that they are daily unconsciously adding to the increase of disease in the Colony? "Nonsense," one may say, but according to the Government analyst it is true.

Have smokers ever thought of what happens to the cigarette stubs they throw into the street or gutter.

They remain there gathering dust and a multitude of germs until some Chinese picks them up and dumps them into a tin containing other filthy cigarettes retrieved from garbage cans, doorsteps, between crevices of tram lines, and from every other conceivable place where they can be found.

Watch this man and you may see him go to some pavement, sit down, and with empty cigarette packets close by start making cigarettes for sale from the tobacco from gathered stubs.

Coolies and the poorer classes of Chinese are their customers, and there must be money to be made from this type of business, for this social evil is carried out on a large scale in Hongkong and Kowloon.

#### Cholera and Diphtheria

The people buying these cigarettes may not know it, but they are actually smoking tobacco containing bacteria cholera, bacteria diphtheria, and many other germs.

This was proved when, following the arrest of a street cigarette manufacturer recently, the Police sent the cigarettes seized to the Government analyst and the report returned actually showed that the cigarettes contained diphtheria and cholera germs.

This fact was mentioned by Sergeant W. Hewitt to Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning when two men were fined \$25 or a month's hard labour for manufacturing cigarettes in the Wan-chai district without a licence.

The Police are doing all they can to check this health impairing business, and the Public can help too by destroying all discarded cigarette stubs.

#### Presents Credentials

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Gray, the new United States Minister to El Salvador, presented his credentials to Mr. Eamon de Valera to-day.

## RUMANIAN WHEAT BAN

Exports To End

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BUCHAREST, April 16. (UP).—The Rumanian Government has officially announced that the export of wheat will be banned in future.

The ban does not affect wheat for which contracts have already been made.

Petrol Conservation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BUCHAREST, April 16. (UP).—The Rumanian Government officially announces that important stocks of petrol are to be held at strategic points throughout Rumania for military purposes.

In this connection, it was recently stated that Germany informed Rumania that any ban on the export of petrol would be regarded as an "unfriendly act."

Her arrival at Hongkong has been delayed by the tow and she is not expected until the middle of next week.

Under the agreement, Russia will pay an indemnity of 40,000 Swedish kroner to Sweden.

## RUSSIA TO PAY INDEMNITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP).—The spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Office announces that Soviet Russia and Sweden have reached an agreement regarding the bombing of the Swedish village of Pajala during the Russo-Finnish War.

Under the agreement, Russia will pay an indemnity of 40,000 Swedish kroner to Sweden.

## NAZI WOMAN IS CAPTURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The first known German woman captive was landed at an east coast port in Scotland to-day.

The girl, who was a blonde of about 25 years of age, was entrained for an unknown destination under a military guard.

No other details have been released.

## Women Poisoned

Yik Suk-hi and Ng Kwan-hin, both multi-faiths, living at 16, Yin Po Song Street, have been admitted to hospital suffering from the effects of poisoning, believed to have been self-administered.

THE Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth as she steamed into New York harbour at the end of the strangest maiden voyage any ship has made.

## Has Big Ship In Tow

American Liner En Route To Hongkong

Information has been received in Hongkong that the former Baltimore Mail liner, City of Los Angeles, now under charter to the American President Lines and bound for Hongkong is towing the 5,428-ton West Cusseta to Yokohama.

No information is available as to the extent of the American vessel's breakdown. The City of Los Angeles, which is on her first trip to Hongkong, was bound for Manila and would not have normally proceeded to Yokohama.

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## Roosevelt Grave When He Spoke

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's demeanour in delivering his speech to the Pan-American Conference was grave.

Equally grave was his audience, which included the diplomatic representatives of Britain, France, China, Australia, Finland and the 21 American republics.

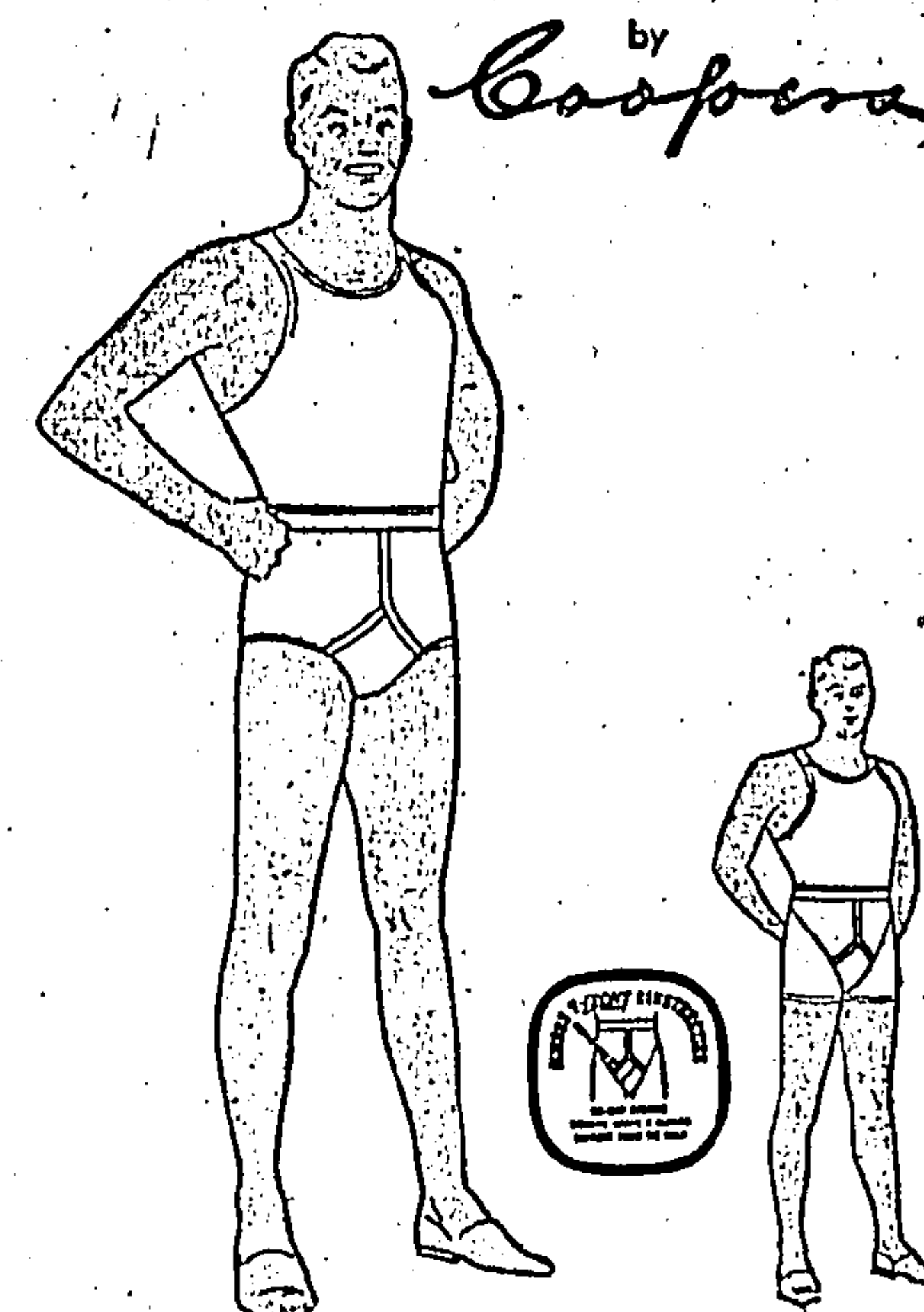
The nations not represented included Germany, Russia, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark.

## Charge Withdrawn

Appearing on remand before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, Lam Muk, 35, of the Water Police, who was accused of being a member of the "Triad" society, which is an unlawful organisation, was discharged.

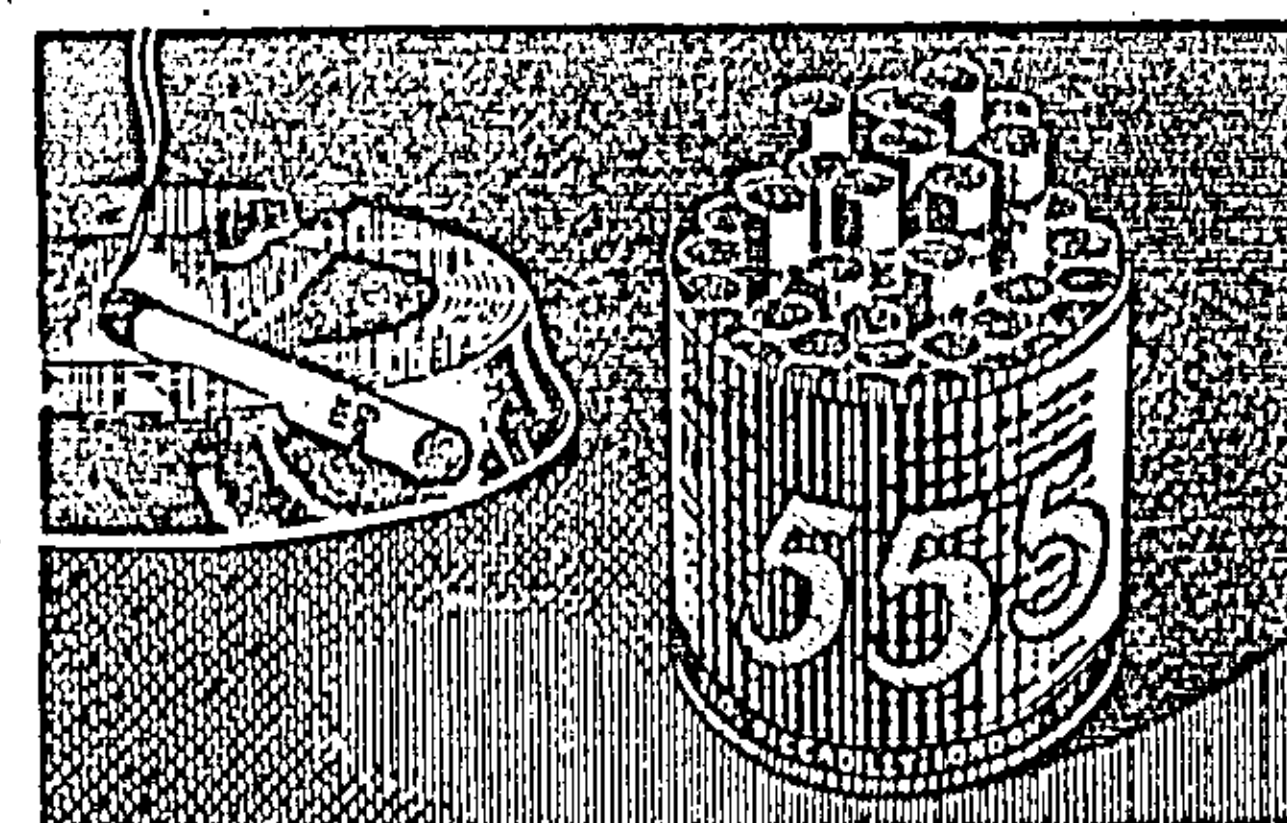
Inspector A. E. Carey said he was instructed to withdraw the charge against Lam as there was insufficient evidence.

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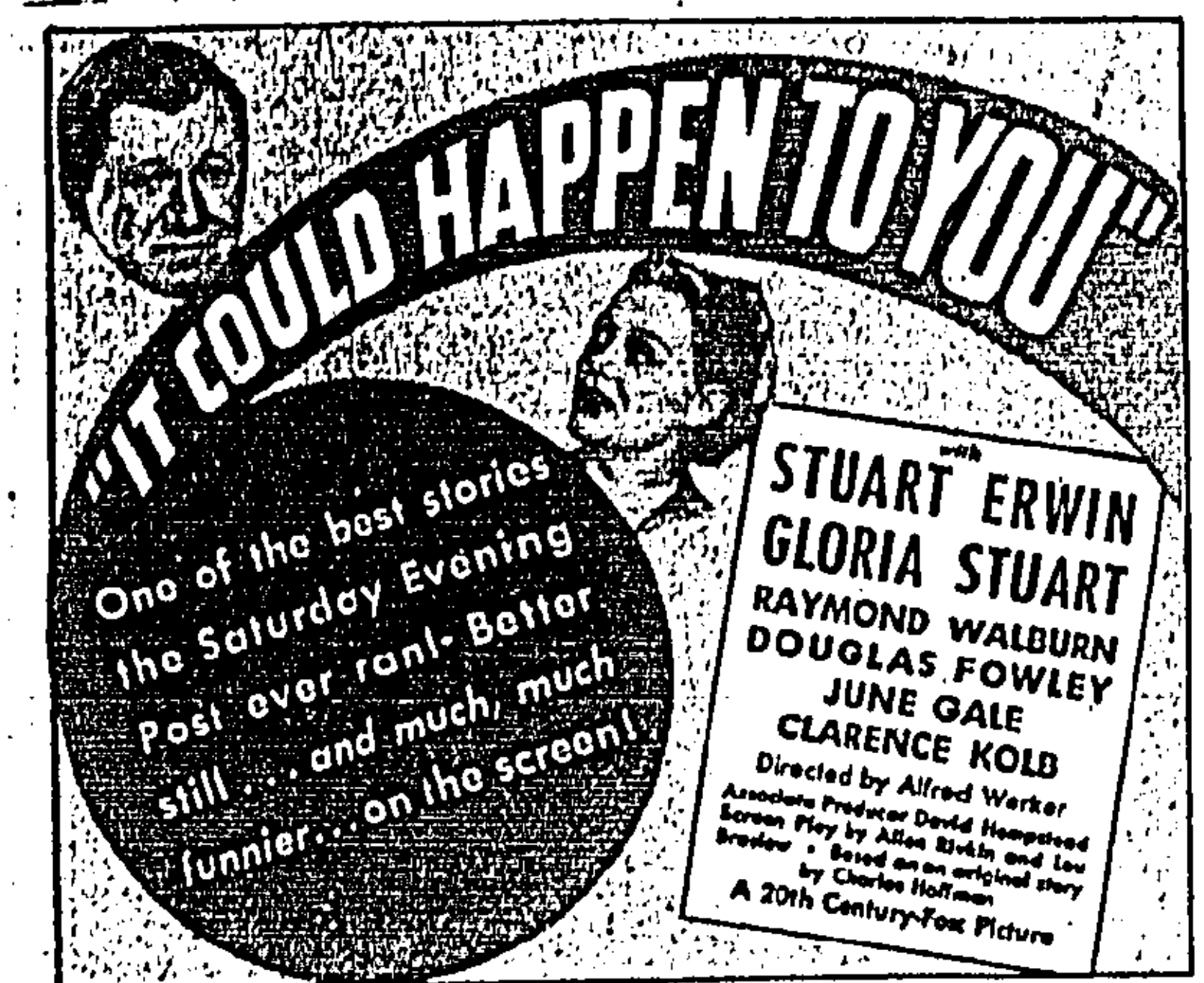
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## GAYDA HITS OUT AGAIN

### New Tirade Against French Policy

ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda's article to-night accuses France of pursuing an anti-Italian policy since the Treaty of Versailles. He adds that France, which is poorer in manpower than Italy, possessed liberty of action in both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, whereas the centre of Italian life is the Mediterranean. France's policy and positions in the Mediterranean protect not only national but imperial interests. Italy recognises these interests, but cannot agree to their constituting a system of hegemony which superimposes itself upon the elementary needs of the life of other nations.

Press Attitude  
ROME, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian press is adopting an equivocal attitude towards the war in the North. Most of the papers are showing considerable ingenuity in trying to present a picture favourable to Germany and unfavourable to the Allies. At the same time there is a reminder that a great German victory is not yet decisive.

## Secret Navy Story Denied

### Japanese Spokesman's Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Apr. 16 (Domei).—The spokesman of the Navy Office has dismissed the "New York Times" report of the construction of big dreadnaughts by Japan, as an attempt on the part of American "big navies" to stir up public opinion in support of further expansion of the American navy. The spokesman pointed out that the "New York Times" story appeared on the eve of the Senate's Navy Bill hearing. According to a press message the "New York Times" in a front page article on April 14 said "reliable information" reaching Washington strongly indicates that Japan is about to present to the world one of the greatest surprises in naval history, namely, a fleet of super-warships greatly exceeding the United States battleship tonnage.

1942 Tonnage Forecast  
"It is believed that Japan has three or four 40,000-ton or 45,000-ton super-battleships ready for service, with at least four more super-ships to be completed around 1942." The "New York Times" further reported that the United States first line battleship tonnage in 1942 is expected to be around 500,200 tons, compared with Japan's possible aggregate of 604,070 tons.

## WATCH ON ALIENS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Belgian Cabinet has decided to keep an increased watch on the activities of aliens in Belgium.

Rationing of meat is to be enforced as a result of the loss of supplies from Denmark, and one meatless day per week is to be instituted.

### Concentration Camps

PARIS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—According to a Brussels telegram, following a meeting, the Belgian Cabinet which examined measures for the security of the state, particularly the problem of foreigners residing in Belgium, has decided to establish concentration camps at Brussels for the internment of suspected aliens.

## Germans Burning Secret Documents

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Apr. 15 (Domei).—The German Legation in the Netherlands is burning its secret documents, according to a Press report from Amsterdam reaching here to-day.

## LATE NEWS

### MANSLAUGHTER CASE OPENS

Kenneth Duncan Bruce, aged 24, an officer of one of H.M. ships in Hongkong, was charged at the Central Magistracy this afternoon with the manslaughter of Lam Shing-chi on April 4, in Hennessy Road.

The case was before Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. D. D. Evans represented accused, Mr. E. H. Williams, prosecuted, and Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders represented the police. Mr. Williams, in outlining the case said that the fatal accident occurred at 2.35 a.m. The movements of the accused prior to the alleged affair had been traced by the police. On April 3 accused went with another officer to the Shatin Club and stayed there until 8 p.m., and there he had a number of drinks. Defendant signed cheques for four whiskies and six beers. Defendant drank the four whiskies and one of the beers, while the other five beers were consumed by the officer with him.

Accused left Shatin and arrived at Repulse Bay Lido at 10.30 p.m., where he joined a party at the Lido given to some naval officers by Mr. Bonnot of Mies Catering. Accused had another beer, but after he had eaten his soup he left the place.

Mr. Bonnot would say that accused was very cheerful but was not drunk, and was capable of driving a car.

At 1.30 a.m. accused went to the To Yuen restaurant in West Point, where he tried to get a drink. He was told that it was against regulations to serve Europeans with drinks there. He shook hands with the proprietor and left.

Accused then drove back to the city. A ricksha coolie was taking a fare into the central city when he saw headlights coming over his shoulder. He moved across to the left side of the road, but a black saloon passed between the ricksha and the curb on the left of the ricksha and damaged the vehicle.

The police were able to trace the car because a piece of wood found in accused's car fitted exactly with that torn off the ricksha.

Accused then went to the Tai Yuen restaurant where he had a whisky and joined a party of Chinese with whom he had six more whiskies. He left at 1.50 a.m.

Witnesses from the restaurant would say that accused was not drunk, but was cheerful and talkative when he left.

The fatal accident occurred while accused was walking from West to East. He was knocked down by a black saloon near the Black Dog Inn. The car drove on, but after enquiries had been made, it was found near Hennessy Road with accused asleep in the driver's seat.

The deceased had died within a few minutes of being knocked down. Accused was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital in an ambulance and there he was able to answer questions reasonably well.

The case is proceeding.

## RUMANIA BANS WHEAT EXPORT

BUCHAREST, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Rumanian Government has decided to ban the export of wheat, but contracts already concluded or in the course of execution will not come under the ban.

Measures are also being taken for prohibiting the export of sunflower seed, which has hitherto been largely purchased by Germany.

Governmental economic authorities have approved measures for building up reserves of coal, petrol and raw petroleum.

## NAZIS LOSE 100 SHIPS

### MERCHANT FLEET SWEEPED FROM THE SEAS

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Shipping circles estimate that Germany, most of whose merchant fleet has been immobilised in home and neutral ports since the beginning of the war, has now lost more than half the tonnage of which Great Britain, with ships always at sea, was deprived of by the German sea warfare.

British losses amount to 172 vessels with a total tonnage of just over 667,000.

Over 90 Known Sunk  
Before the Norwegian venture, Germany had lost 64 vessels aggregating 109,051 tons. To-day a conservative estimate puts her losses at 92 vessels, representing 370,000 tons, to which can probably be added eight other German ships torpedoed in convoy with unknown results.

Cargo Boats Mined  
GOTTENBURG, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Two German cargo boats are stated to have struck mines to-day off Marstrand. Both boats are badly damaged.

It is said that at least two German seaplanes were sunk during to-day's air raid by the British on Stavanger which was made in a snow-storm. Heavy bombs were dropped on the aerodrome.

## Death Of Mrs. Alec-Tweedie

### Famous Woman Who Twice Visited Colony

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Mrs. Alec-Tweedie, that indefatigable "traveler, explorer, artist, writer, hostess and worker at many jobs and crafts," as "The Times" sums up her amazing industry and enthusiasms.

Mrs. Alec-Tweedie visited Hongkong in 1926 and again in 1934. On the last occasion she arrived on the Empress of Britain round-the-world cruise.

After her first visit to the Far East, Mrs. Alec-Tweedie established herself in a flat in Mayfair. She published four books and arranged two exhibits of her pictures.

### Remarkable Life

Mrs. Alec-Tweedie was the daughter of Dr. George Harley, F.R.S., of Harley Street, London, and the widow of Alec-Tweedie. She found herself at 25 with two small sons to rear and educate and very little money with which to do it, so she turned to her pen.

Both boys were through their University when the World War started. The younger boy was killed near Ypres in 1916; the elder lost his life ten years later while flying in Trans-Jordan.

From then on Mrs. Alec-Tweedie carved out a new life for herself. She wrote, painted, travelled, entertained, served on committees and councils too numerous to mention, and won recognition in a dozen fields.

## READY FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Official Swedish circles to-day declared that the country is prepared for all eventualities. The Swedish Police have arrested many undesirable, all ships entering Swedish harbours are being rigorously searched.

## Loneliest Island Remembers Troops

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The loneliest island in the British Empire, Tristan da Cunha, has sent a parcel of comforts for the troops. The parcel took six months to get to England. It contains 50 articles, mostly socks, pullovers and scarves knitted by the women of the island.

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